Panels to review voter lists

AMMAN (J.T.) — Voter lists already prepared in accordance with provisions of the 1986 Election Law will be considered valid and will be reviewed by special committees with a view to making changes wherever necessary, an Interior Ministry spokesman said Tuesday. The spokesman in a statement given to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, after a meeting at the Interior Ministry, said every voter would have his name added to the list if he is entitled to vote. It was decided during Tuesday's meeting, which was chaired by Interior Minister Salem Masa'deh, that voters in Amman constituencies who wish to transfer their names from one constituency to mother should file an official application for the purpose with the Ministry of Interior the spokesman said. The Ministry of Interior has requested the Ministry of Justice to furnish the special review committees with the names of people involved in cases of bankruptcy or imprisoned for a period exceeding one year for non-political crimes and who have not been included in the recent amnesty, the spokesman said. The Ministry of Justice is expected to comply with the request during the period July 15-30, the spokesman added.

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rice violators to ace court martial

ernor, Prime Minister Sharif d Ibn Shaker, Tuesday issued order to court martial any chant found violating the e regulations set by the Minisof Supply for basic foodstraffs other items. The order also ed for trial by the military rt for merchants found to close ir shops or to conceal any istuff as well as any one who ates the rules and regulations down by the Ministry of

ply. he order was prompted by es where some merchants ght to increase the prices of ic commodities by capitalising the public's need and by rding foodstuffs and other as, the Jordan News Agency,

he order followed a visit the ister paid to the warehouses of Ministry of Supply. He was fed on the situation by Minis-of Supply Ibrahim Ayyoub, sured him that the ntry had enough food supplies ed milk, meat and chicken as .. well as animal fodder to last for six months from now and that more foodstuff shipments on their

. The prime minister emp the governments keen interest in safeguarding the consumers from price manipulations and artificial lations and artificial shortages, Petra said.

The prime minister requested the minister of supply and all ministry officials to follow up very carefully on issues related to food supplies and to ensure availability of sufficient stocks to the public. Petra also reported Tuesday that security forces have arrested 54 people from various governorates in the Kingdom for involve-ment in hiding or raising the prices of some feedstuffs. Following the arrests, carried out at the orders of the military governor and in coordination with the Ministry of Supply, some markets were filled anew with foodstoffs and the buying spree dropped as people were convinced that the crisis was intentional, Petra said. The prices of other commodities, like cement and iron, dropped as well, it added.

Loun flexes his jet ighter over Beirut

RUT (AP) - Army com- three operational Hawker hunider Michel Aoun sent a lone ters since the confrontation with fighter roaring over Syrianced west Beirut Tuesday, the / after he reportedly er his control.

olice said a British-made wher hunter flew low over t Beirut's waterfront, from ere Syrian howitzer batteries e shelled the coastline for the t four months.

in eyewitness, speaking on ig warplane "came very low r the sea from north, flew low r the boulevard and then ied west and north again."

s, manning dozens of multirelled anti-aircraft lannchers not fire at the jet fighter, ng at 250 metres.

It seems their radars did not ect the Hawker hunter bese it flew very low," said the kesman.

source with Aoun's air force. aking on condition of anonyy, described the overflight as exercise. He refused to elabo-

was the first overflight over

erthrew last month.

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sponded in his 15-minute speech.

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e revolution by hard work."

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Bashir: No return to

pport for the country's new military ruler Tuesday, cheering ildly as he vowed no return to the multi-party political system he

eneral Omar Hassan Ahmad Al Bashir set up four all-military

ibunals to try officials or politicians of the old order charged with

erruption or mismanagement. Heading a 15-member junta, Bashir, 45, toppled Prime Minister

idea Al Mahdi's civilian government in an apparently bloodless

up June 30. He launediately dissolved parliament, disbanded political parties

ed unions and declared a nationwide state of emergency. Soldiers

rested Mahdi, about 40 top officials of his government and leaders

With temperatures well into the 100s Fahrenheit, Tuesday's

o-justa demonstration brought a crowd witnesses estimated at

1,000-30,000, mostly workers, to Al-Hurriya Square outside the

"Exterminate, exterminate government by masters," the crowd

santed, a reference to the multi-party system under which Mahdi

"Yes, yes, government by masters will be exterminated," Rashin

'One army, one country," the crowd shouted. "We shall protect

Cheers and applause interrupted Bashir's speech frequently.

The crowd barned an effigy marked "sectarianism," the shape of bearded man wearing a galabia of the kind used by followers of label's Ansar sect. Ansar and Khatmiya are the principal Muslim

Khatuniya leader Mohammad Osman Al Mirghany, pairon of the

emocratic Unionist Party (DUP), is among those under arrest. The

UP and Mahdi's Unama party were the main partners in the

The demonstration was sanctioned by Bashir's ruling council in

ew of the emergency decree than bans all unauthorised public

therings. The official Radio Ocadurman repeatedly interrupted its

ogrammes Monday and Toesday morning to drum up support for

But untike common practice of previous governments, the junta

d not provide transport or other facilities for the demonstrators.

iso, the day was not declared an official holiday, as it would have

en in pre-coop days, and people in the capital went about their

Just before addressing the crowd, junta chairman Lieuter

multi-party system

HARTOUM (Agencies) -- Thousands of Su

the Syrians and their militia allies

erupted March 8. Aides to Aoun said Monday atened air strikes to break a the 54-year-old general was plan-an naval blockade of ports ning air strikes against six Syrian gunboats blockading the 45kilometre coastline of the rightist enclave north of Beirut.

In addition to the Hawker hunters, Aoun has eight French-designed Gazelle helicopter

The aides declined to comment dition of anonymity, said the when asked how the warplanes could confront the Syrian air force's superior Soviet-made jet

> The Syrian gunboats this week tercepted at least three cargo ships and a fuel tanker headed for the Aoun enclave.

A 10-metre Lebanese motor yacht, the Sea Tiger, with six men on board was released from a Syrian naval base at Tartus north of Lebanon and sailed to Larnaca, Cyprus, Tuesday.

The harbormaster at Larnaca said the six, all Lebanese, were

The boat was intercepted by Syrian gunboats Sunday as it sailed out before dawn from Kast Beirut by one of Aoun's lik harbour north of Beirut.

Haj continues after Mecca blasts kill 1, injure 16

lion Muslims continued the annual Haj pilgrimage under heavy Saudi Arabian security Tuesday despite bomb attacks that killed one person and injured 16 people in pilgrim-packed

Saudi Arabia's King Fahd, answering messages of support from Arab leaders, vowed that his government would show no mercy to saboteurs who tried to disrupt the pilgrimage to Islam's holiest shrine.

Two of the injured were in critical condition after the explosions, said an Interior Ministry security official quoted by the Saudi Press Agency.

Security sources in Riyadh told the AP that the injured, mainly pilgrims, included Pakistanis, Indians, Egyptians and two Saudis. The identity of the dead person

was not released, and the sources said some of the wounded had not been identified. A number of suspects were

rounded up and were being interrogated, said the sources. Inspection of the explosive

material involved in the blasts showed they were of "the type that makes a loud bang, has quick impact, but causes little dam-' said one of the sources. Diplomatic sources said investigators believed the explosives were crude, timed devices. If they had been more sophisticated they probably would have injured more people, the diplomats said. The blasts occurred at 10 p.m.

(1900 GMT). Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims were awake, praying and walking around the Kaaba, Islam's holiest shrine housed within the Grand Mosque. Some were headed to the plain of Mina, 20 kilometres

Peking hin

PEKING (AP) — The govern-

ment is investigating ousted Com-

munist Party chief Zhao Ziyang

for allegedly supporting pro-

democracy protests, and a spokesman Tuesday left open the

possibility he could be put on

At the first news conference by

a high-ranking government offi-

cial since the army crushed the protests June 3-4, Yuan Mu said

"at this stage" Zhao was accused

only of mistakes that the party

under investigation," Yuan said.

"However, the problem is still

deal with internally.

Jordan condemns terrorist attacks against pilgrims

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan Tuesday strongly denounced Monday's bomb explosions in the Hely City of Mecca during the annual Haj pilgrimage and blamed the act on "those parties who hold hatred ainst Islam."

A statement issued by Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker said: "Jordan strongly denounces these terrorist acts and the repeated suspicious attempts of violence and terrorism against the

"While denouncing these criminal actions," Sharif Zaid said, "we convey our heartfelt condolences to the families of the bereaved and the Saudi government."

Ahmad Hilayel, secretary-general of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, said no Jordanian pilgrims were hurt in the

The explosions, according to the statement, occurred on the main road leading to the Grand Mosque and on a flyover in the vicinity of the mosque.

"This criminal perpetration at tored in Cyprus, quoted Mubarak a sacred spot is regrettable," the agency quoted the security official as saving, "An investigation is under way and details will be released as soon as available." Iran's main opposition group,

the Iraq-based Mujahedeen-e-Khalq, blamed the explosions on Iran and the fanatical followers of the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who died June 3. In a statement telexed to the

AP in Nicosia from their Baghdad headquarters, the Mujahedeen said: "Responsibility for this crime lies with Khomeini's terrorist regime, which has not changed in any way after Khomeini's death."

Among Arab leaders sending messages after Monday's explosions, Kuwaiti Emir Sheikh Jaber away in accordance with the Al Ahmad Al Sabah and Presi-

dealt with will be decided accord-

ing to the findings of the inves-

Meanwhile, two reporters -

one American and one

Taiwanese — left China Tuesday

after being ordered out, and au-

thorities gave a second Taiwanese

reporter 48 hours to leave. All

three were accused of violating

martial law restrictions on re-

The new party chief, Jiang

Zemin, met with a group of Hong

Kong leaders Tuesday afternoon

but both sides kept quiet about the discussions. A spokesman for

tigation."

its at trial for Zhao

dent Hosni Mubarak of Egypt both telephoned King Fahd. "Egypt will stand by the kingdom in face of any attack from any group harbouring hatred to

Saudi Television, moni-

as saying. Riyadh Television quoted King Fahd as saying "Saudi Arabia will not be lenient towards any one seeking to cause discord or sabot-

age" — punishable by beheading in Saudi Arabia. Bahrain's foreign ministry described the bombings as a "criminal act" and demanded the maximum punishment for the perpetrators.

The statement said Bahrain considered the explosions "a sinful aggression against the sanctity of the holy sites and the pil grims... a criminal deed that is contrary to all the Islamic and

humanitarian norms." It added: "It also behoves the international community, especially the Islamic countries, to condemn the crime."

not comment until he returned to

reassure Hong Kong residents frightened by the mainland crack-

down that China would preserve

their capitalist system for 50 years

after Britain returns the colony in

1997. However, China also has

warned Hong Kong against con-

tinuing its support for fugitive

ousted Zhao June 24 from the

post he held for more than two

years, accusing him of supporting the student-led protests for a

The party central committee

Jiang was expected to try to

Hong Kong.

protesters.

Shamir plans moves to save government

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir may call for a new cabinet vote on his proposal for Palestinian elections in an effort to save his coalition government from collapse, his spokesman said Tuesdav.

Spokesman Yossi Ahimeir confirmed newspaper reports that Shamir was considering such a vote to head off a threatened resignation by the centre-left abour Party, partner in Israel's unity government" with Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc.

"You could say that the prime minister's office should be interested in holding such a vote." said Ahimeir. "But it is up to the prime minister to decide if and when he wants to vote on any proposal."

The vote could be called within the next three weeks, before Labour's central committee meets to make a final decision on a recommendation to quit the government adopted Monday by the party's 120-member lead-

ership bureau (see page 2).
Israel accused its closest ally, the United States, of giving Palestinians "a licence to kill" by not condemning as "terrorism" a Palestinian bus attack that killed

Israel's accusation was made at foreign ministry news conference arranged to assail Washington for not condemning as the bus attack as "terrorism."

"If the United States does not call it terrorism, in fact it gives a licence to kill to every Palestinian individual or organisation," fore-

In Tunis, the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) accused the United States of responsibility for Israeli civilian attacks on Palestinians by its failure to condemn them.

A commentary by the official PLO news agency WAFA said the Israeli government had secretly given the settlers a free hand to back up army efforts to end the Palestinian uprising.

"This is another chapter in the book of terrorism by which the Israeli authorities try to escape responsibility for this Palestinian blood," WAFA said.

"Although we consider the responsibility of the Israeli authorities a foregone conclusion, we must bear in mind that the party most to blame is the United States which has not lifted a finger, as though the blood of our people was water and not the kind of blood which could stir a conscience," it added.

In the occupied Gaza Strip, meanwhile two assailants shot and killed a 28-year-old Palestinian without warning on a downtown street in Gaza City.

The victim, Faqar Mohammad Hassan, a car painter and father of five, was shot at least eight times in the chest and face, witnesses reported.

In the West Bank, leaders of the 20-month Palestinian uprising called a general strike in the adjacent towns of Ramallah and Al Bireh to protest killing of three Palestinian youths by Israeli forces a day earlier.

Slogans painted on walls in the

declared "killing our people will not stop the intifada.

The deaths in Ramallah and two nearby villages would bring to 558 the number of Palestinians killed in the uprising.

If Shamir calls on a cabinet vote on the issue of his election proposal, he would urge rejection of amendments to the election proposal similar to hard-line conditions that he accepted as Likud policy to squelch a revolt in his right-wing party, the daily Haaretz reported.

The cabinet, which first approved the plan 20-6 in May. would likely defeat the amend-

ments, Israeli papers said. Shamir's original proposal calls for Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to elect representatives to negotiate with Israel on a period of autonomy for the occupied territories. The final status of the territories would be decided in later negotia-

The proposal is vaguely worded, intentionally leaving controversial issues for later consideration in an effort to win Palestinian approval. But Likud rebels, led by Industry Minister Ariel Sharon, wanted tough conditions added to the proposal.

Shamir agreed to a Likud central committee vote accepting the conditions July 5, but insisted these did not affect the formal

Among the conditions were that no election could be held before the end of the Palestinian uprising and that Arabs in East ign ministry spokesman Alon Liel two towns north of Jerusalem Jerusalem be barred from voting.

Expatriates adopt action to help Jordan's economy

By Rania Atalla Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN -- In an effort to help Jordan through its present difficult economic situation, Jordanian expatriates Tuesday pledged to pay the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) an annual \$50 as "country honour tax" and to transfer a minimum of \$100 to their accounts in the Kingdom on a monthly basis. They also decided to establish Jordan's first private univisity, with a capital of JD 10 million, to be found mainly by Jordanian expatriates and Guif

Resolutions issued at the end of the fifth annual Jordanian expatriates conference suggested that Jordanian expatriates, whose children attend Jordanian universities or community colleges, should pay their fees in hard currency and transfer a minimum of \$100 for each of their children's residence fees on a monthly basis.

Another conference resolution urged the CBJ to issue foreign currency bonds and suggested that each expatriate buy one \$500 bond to help encourage the flow of foreign currency into the Kingdom. The proposal did not specify the interest or maturity on the government bonds.

'This is the minimum that a

Jordanian can contribute to his country, to its growth and to help it overcome the difficult economic period it is now undergoing, said Azmi Al Muhtaseb, head of the Labour Ministry's expatriates department. He told reporters the conference's recommenda-

tions awaited approval by the cabinet and endorsement by His Majesty King Hussein.

The conference, which brought tions made by expatriates. together more than 800 expatriates from 29 countries, came at a particularly critical time for Jordan's economy. Expatriate re-mittances, for long a major source of foreign currency that helped bridge the Kingdom's balance of payments deficit, fell from more than \$1.2 billion in 1984 to less than \$800 million last year, according to reports. The conference focused on

ways of increasing those remittances which, in the estimate of Labour Minister Jamal Al Bdour, should reach \$857 million by the end of the year. The four-day conference,

which represented Jordan's estimated 320,000 migrant workers, called on Jordanian nationals working abroad to increase their investment in various productive economic sectors, including export and agriculture industries in the Kingdom. Other conference resolutions

included the establishment of a higher committee representing Jordanian expatriates in their country of work to crystalise suggestions that would be submitted to the Ministry of Labour two months prior to the convening of the next conference.

Conference participants stressed the necessity to abide by standard and measurements of Jordanian industries, especially those that are export-oriented. The conference also called on the CBJ to present the govern-

between citizens and expatriates, taking into consideration sugges-The expatriates called on con-

ject that would regulate relations

cerned authorities to give added importance to agricultural and touristic activities and to draw policies and regulations that would guarantee support for these two sectors, and to make available all information pertaining to these two sectors.

The conference also called for the establishment of an office, to include government officials, that would look into applications for issuing and renewal of passports for Jordanians working abroad.

The conference also called for drawing a strategy that would make use of Jordanian expertise at the highest level in order to facilitate the transfer of science and technology into the Kingdom, and put them to use in economic projects that would further the development of the Kingdom.

Participants stressed the need to expedite the process of establishing the private university and called on all expatriates to acquire shares in the university which is expected to educate no less than 8,000 students. So far, approximately JD 5.5 million have been paid by the university's founders, according to Saif Al Romahi, director of diplomatic training at the United Arab Emirate's Foreign Ministry and an investor in the university. The remaining JD 4.5 million are expected to be floated in the market

(Continued on page 4)

"How the problem will finally be one of the groups said he would ment with a new legislative pro-Bush in Hungary after urging Polish unity for democracy

BUDAPEST (Agencies) — U.S. President George Bush arrived in Budapest Tuesday for the first visit by an American leader, showing his support for Hungary's democratic reforms and moves to shake off its Stalinist

Bush arrived for his 40-hour visit from Poland, where he was greeted by huge crowds as he met Solidarity leader Lech Walesa and urged Poles to work together towards democratic freedom.

People packed Solidarity Square in central Gdansk to hear Bush and Walesa speak at a monument to shipyard workers shot down by troops in 1970.

"I have lived here for 20 years but I have never seen crowds like alive."

this before in Gdansk," Walesa said. "We have shown the United States how much we love their president."

As Bush's motorcade rolled into the square outside the Lenin shipyard dominated by a towering monument in the form of three crosses, the crowd sang "Sto Lat" (may he live 100 years), a traditional Polish

Clearly moved in the emotional high point of his visit to Poland. Bush told the crowd in his speech: 'To those who think that

dreams can forever be repressed,

I say let them look at Poland. For

here in Poland - the dream is

union close to government "It requires patience and determination," Bush told an estimated 25,000 people massed at the gates of the Lenin shipyard, where the Solidarity movement began. "But the Polish people are

have taught the world about determination." The warmth of the reception for the president surpassed the politely enthusiastic greeting he received Monday in Warsaw, where Bush unveiled a modest,

no strangers to hard work, and

Bush earlier met Walesa, who six-point U.S. economic aid progwants more American economic "For those who say that freehelp to ensure survival of Podom can be forever be denied, I land's political reforms which say let them look at Poland." the have brought the once-banned

> limax of a two-day visit. "Poland is not alone, America stands with you," he said, renewing his pledge to provide assistance for Poland's economic re-

president said in the emotional

Prolonged applause greeted Bush when he called Walesa the shipvad electrician who won the 1983 Nobel Peace Prize for his role in creating Solidarity — "one of the heroes of our times."

Solidarity was born in Gdansk on a wave of strikes in 1980. It was repressed under martial law

in 1981 and banned for seven years before returning to legality in April this year to win a crushing election victory over the communists last month.

The Gdansk rally was a dramatic highlight of Bush's 41-hour visit to Poland — the first leg of a 10-day tour also taking him to France and the Netherlands.

Walesa told Bush at a private lunch at his Gdansk home earlier Tuesday that Poland needed \$10 billion over the next three years in debt relief, credits and loans from Western countries and international financial institutions.

The aid package Bush announced involved just \$115 million in U.S. credits and a rescheduling of \$5 billion debt

With high inflation, food shortages, falling production and a crippling \$39-billion foreign debt, Poland was a "powder keg" that could ignite, Walesa said, expressing fear for the future of its democracy programme.

"We are looking forward to cooperation which may be worth \$10 billion," Walesa told reporters after lunch with Bush. "This could fix a lot here and solve most of our problems."

Solidarity sources say the opposition movement is ready to form a government shortly if Poland gets enough financial help from the West and political approval from the Soviet Union.





Kabul declares truce amid rocket attacks

But hospital sources, speaking

on condition of anonymity, said

at leat 165 people, including 22

children, were hurt in the attack,

which also destroyed a munitions

frequently accused Pakistan of

direct involement in the attacks, a

charge that the government in

Islamabad denies. The govern-

ment has warned it may shell

Charges

Union have alleged that the guer-

rīllas, along with Pakistani milit-

ary advisers, are planning an

Abdul Wakil said in a letter to

U.N. Secretary-General Javier

Peres de Cuellar that "mater-

ialisation of this aggressive plan

will oblige us to take decisive and

At the United Nations, Wakil

"The responsibility for its

said a mid-July rebel offensive

would target various provinces in

grave consequences, death, bloodshed and devastation

should be borne by Pakistani

militarists and the overseas plan-

ners and promoters of these

dangerous adventurist designs," Wakil charged.

He was making a clear reference to the United States.

He requested the attention of

the U.N. Security Council "to

prevent and foil these adventurist

schemes, which seriously

Afghan Foreign Minister

offensive on Kabul.

serious measures."

addition to Kabul.

Afghanistan and the Soviet

Najibullah's government has

depot near Kabul airport.

KABUL (Agencies) — Rebels fired a salvo of rockets into the capital early Tuesday, killing at least four people just hours after the government announced a unilateral ceasefire for a religious holiday.

The government said at least others, the government said. six rockets slammed into Kabul after President Najibullah announced the ceasefire for 'Eid Al Azha, which starts Thursday.

The shelling was followed by at least three marches in which hundreds of people called for military action against Pakistan to stop the attacks. The railies were sponsored by the governing People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA).

"There is a growing resentment Pakistan. and anger among the Afghan people against Pakistan which is directly involved in the war against us," said Afghan Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad

"The people of Afghanistan want the government to take sericus measures against Pakistan to stop the shelling," Amani told

He did not specify what measures would be taken. But diplomatic sources said the government was building up public opinion for a possible strike on rebel

bases inside Pakistan. The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the government has asked the Soviet Union to supply MiG-29 fighter

Najibullah's spokesman, Sar-war Yourish, told reporters that government troops would lay down their weapons from midnight (2130 GMT) Tuesday until midnight (2130 GMT) Saturday

to observe the Islamic holiday. On Monday, at least 55 rockets siammed into the city of 2.25 million people, killing 18 civilians and two soldiers and wounding 51

Afghanistan."
U.N.-negotiated accords led in February to the end of a nineyear Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan. The city of Jalalabad, between Kabul and the Pakistan border, has come under repeated attack since the Soviet pullout

"Facing onslaught and aggression from abroad, we have to make all necessary preparations to repulse these interventionist assaults to defend the independence... of our country," Wakil

A Soviet statement to the U.N. chief also charged Pakistan with planning a new offensive and complained of intensified missile attacks against Kabul, including one that exploded near the Soviet embassy July 2.

"As for the hostile acts against Soviet citizens and the Soviet embassy," the letter said, "we must again warn in all seriousness that they will not go un-

It criticised recent pledges by Peter Tomsen, U.S. representative to the "provisional Afghan government," of full U.S. sup-port to the rebel-declared government seeking to establish itself in Afghanistan.

Tomsen's presence in Islamabad during preparations for an offensive "puts us on guard," the Soviet statement said.

It pledged continued Soviet arms supplies to Kabul to "defend independence, rebuff military hit-and run attacks and satisfy the overriding need of its people the achievement of peace."

U.S. arms supply

In Islamabad, an Afghan rebels leader said Monday the United States had promised fresh arms threaten peace and security in shipments will reach the guerrillas shortly, after a luil of several

Mohammad Nabi Mohammadi, defence minister of the rebels' provisional government, said he had received the pledge during talks with Tomsen and other U.S. officials over the past few weeks.

Diplomatic sources said big shipments were expected to arrive within the next couple of months. Overall supplies for 1989 would probably be as great as the previous year, when Soviet forces were still in Afghanistan they

The Mujahedeen have complained with increasing bitterness in recent weeks that they are being starved of weapons and that this had severely hampered

their fighting ability.

Last week Najibullah's troops won an important victory, capturing the military base at Samarkhel, 20 kilometres east of Jala-

Mohammadi, whose remarks were reported by the rebel government's Afghan News Agency. said one of the U.S. officials had told him the arms supplies were not stopped, but temporarily sus-

"He assured me that the arms supply to the Mujahedeen will be restored very soon," he said. Tomsen told a news conference

earlier that there had been a 'down-swing" in supplies in the past few months. The change from purely guer-

rilla warfare to conventional operations like the siege of Jalalabad meant the rebels needed far more weapons than in the past,

Diplomatic sources said the change of administration in the United States had led to bureaucratic delays. Some guerrillas had also been hoarding their



Israeli policemen hold an Israeli extremist seeking "revenge" against
Palestinians for the June 6 bus incident in which 14 people were killed.

Likud bloc.

Labour, Likud more interested in continued marriage than divorce

By Paul Taylor

TEL AVIV - Israel's political crisis, provoked by the decision of the Labour Party leadership Monday to recommend breaking up the national unity government, may be more apparent than real.

Labour leaders voted to urge their central committee to withdraw from the government "in the present circumstances," saying Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's Likud Party had torpedoed an Israeli initiative by attaching stringent conditions.

"We will not be a fig leaf for Likud, we will not be a fig leaf for a tragedy," Labour leader and Vice-Premier Shimon Peres declared.

But political analysts believe the threat of separation may be less dramatic than it seems. Labour left at least three weeks

until its 1,200-member committee meets to allow for negotiations with Shamir.

tine Liberation Organisation

(PLO) said Monday it saw a

"Is the reference to seeking an

international conference, as men-

tioned by the State Department

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak

Shamir's plan for elections in the

A senior State Department

official said Saturday that if the

Likud move stalemated the peace

process, Washington could shift

course away from backing elec-

tions and lobby instead for an

international peace conference.

The conference is the formula

favoured by the PLO and most of

the world except Israel and the

Palestinian state and talks with

the PLO, had undermined the

U.S. administration's attempts to

In its dialogue with the PLO.

sell the elections plan.

occupied territories

United States.

A high-level U.S. delegation is

years, with neither able to achieve outright supremacy at the

salem, and the ruling out of any creation of a Palestinian state, did not change the government plan. "We say and reiterate that the peace initiative of the govern-ment prevails and this is the only

Israel's domestic crisis.

said in a statement Monday.

binding decision that obliges the cabinet," the right-wing premier Like an unhappy couple con-

uneasy partnership for nearly five

due here next week to examine

how to pursue Israel's proposals

for Palestinian elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza

Strip following the Likud resolu-

The team led by Deputy

Secretary of State Lawrence Eag-

leburger may end up mediating in

Shamir has already said his

Palestinian uprising, the exclusion of Palestinians in Arab Jeru-

stantly on the verge of separa-tion, Labour and Likud have staggered from crisis to crisis in

pestuous marriage is likely to continue a while longer, since neither side has an interest in divorce.

Political analysts said the tem-

Labour Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, co-author of the elections plan, urged his party to delay a decision and raised counter-proposals which could form party's vote to make elections the basis of negotiations with conditional on an end to the Shamir.

With Israel's public mood swinging further to the right in reaction to the 19-month-old Palestinian uprising; Labour would risk disaster if Likud insisted on a fresh general election, less than a year after last November's indecisive poll.

Last week's attack by a Palestinian on an Israeli bus, in which 14 Jews died, has reinforced the angry rightist mood. Peres was attacked and shouted down by enraged mourners at the funeral

of one of the victims. Shamir, on the other hand. would much rather govern Israel

state's "security," diplomatic and economic problems in a narrow alliance with the far right and religious zealots.

His powerful Likud rival, Arien Sharon, might demand the defence ministry in such a

A rightist government, devoted to more Jewish settlement in the occupied territories and harsher measures against the Palesti-nians, would be certain to clash with the United States and American Jews, the backbone of Israel's support.

Labour sources said Peres might have difficulty restraining the younger generation in his party who would rather go into opposition than sit impotently

alongside Likud in government. But they said both Peres and Rabin would probably seek a compromise with Shamir enabling the government to pursue the elections initiative, at least for the moment, rather than break up from the centre, in alliance with the government.

Ahmad Khomeini backs Rafsanjani

NICOSIA (AP) - The son of the more executive power than late Ayatoliah Ruhollah Khomeini has endorsed his political rival, Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, in the July 28 presidential elections, the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported.

Ahmad Khomeini's surprise move on Monday was seen as an effort to avoid a head-on confrontation between Tehran's redecais and Rafsanjani's so-called pragmetists during the poll. IRNA quoted Ahmad, 43, as

describing Rafsanjani as "a of the late leader's honest and kıyal aides."

Tehran's media speak of Rafsanjani's election as a forgone

His only rival in the presidential poll is Abbas Sacibani. a former agriculture minister and member of the Freedom Movement opposition group.

The 12-member Council of Guardians, a constitutional watchdog body, rejected 79 other Iranians who applied to run in the presidential elections held in the aftermath of Ayatollah Khomeini's death June 3.

Iranian dissidents charge that Rafsanjani engineered Sheibani's candidacy as a no-hope rival as a

cosmetic exercise. The lack of a serious challenge by a political heavyweight underlined analysts' belief that neither faction in Tehran is yet prepared for a collision. But many believe

that a confrontation will come. Incumbent President Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's second four-year term expires Oct. 5. Khamenei, who has succeeded Khomeini as Iran's religious leader, cannot run for a third term

Rafsanjani is likely to have

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Khamenei had for most of his

presidency. Iranians are expected to approve proposed constitutional reforms, enhancing the powers of the presidency at the expense of the Prime Ministry, in a referendum to be held at the same time as the presidential poll,

Ahmad is backed by a radical camp led by Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi.

of a more laissez faire economy and mending ties with the West. Khomeini had kept the two factions in check, letting neither

gain the upper hand. But the conflict intensified with his death. Ahmad has never held any official post. But he was influential while his father was alive because he controlled access to him and formed alliances with

figures in the hierarchy. He had presidential aspirations, but his sister, Mrs. Zahra Mostafavi, said the elder Khomeini refused to let him run for political office.

He may have been placated by a letter from Rafsanjani and 204 other parliamentary deputies last month asking him to run for the house in Rafsanjani's Tehran district, which the speaker will have

Tehran newspapers said that was part of a campaign to get Ahmad elected as speaker to replace Rafsanjani, apparently to placate him and head off an open confrontation.

Ahmad replied that he needed time to consider the offer because he was too emotionally drained by his father's death.

Women killed in crush

Women mourning the death of Khomeini have been crushed to death or injured at his house during weekly meetings which have now been cancelled, Tehran

Radio said Monday. The radio gave no details of the deaths but quoted a statement by The politically ambitious Khomeini's office saying they occurred within the past few

Almost each day since The revolutionary radicals are Khomeini's death June 3, at odds with Rafsanjani's thousands of chest-beating mourhe held audiences in Jamaran in

The statement, monitored in

ings at Jamaran, reserved for

women, were now cancelled. At least eight mourners were crushed to death in the first days of public grief for Khomeini leading up to his burial at a tempestuous funeral June 6.

Iran will mark the end of the traditional 40-day mourning period Thursday with a memorial ceremony at Khomeini's grave next to Tehran's main Behesht-e Zahra cemetery, now a shrine to his memory.

Tehran Radio said the cabinet house and the meeting hall where a committee was ordered to arrange accommodation in hundreds of Tehran schools for mourners expected to stream into Nicosia, said the Thursday meet- the city from the provinces.

British Aerospace seeking aircraft deal with Iraq

was negotiating to sell Hawk jet trainer aircraft to Iraq in competition with a French-German con-

The British government, which banned arms sales to Iran and Iraq during their eight-year war, would not say whether it will permit the sale. A Foreign Office official, requesting anonymity, declined to comment

British Aerospace spokesman Alan Piper said the company had been trying to sell Hawks when the war broke out in 1981.

"The talks restarted a few months ago," Piper told the Associated Press. "We're in competition with the French-German Alpha jet so it's not a foregone

LONDON (AP) — British conclusion that we'll win the con-Aerospace PLC said Monday it tract."

Piper added that British Aerospace, a commercial company, has told the government about the negotiations, but has had no

"When we talk to a foreign government on defence sales we have to inform the government when we do it and seek guidance," he said. The Alpha is made by Dassault

of France and MBB of West Germany. British Aerospace said the

number of aircraft involved in the deal has not been finalised.

The sale would be the first approved by the British govern-ment to Iran or Iraq since the war ended last year.

along the plan.

glimmer of hope in signs that Washington was reviewing its define the final outcome of nego-"The question is now directed to the U.S. administration. Are

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denying the human rights of the Palestinians and of defending Israel's treatment of them. Chagrined by the recent gain of Likud hardliners, three top U.S. State Department officials are travelling to Israel next week to

determine the prospects of the

election plan.

The mission is designed "to see where the Israeli government stands" after Likud forced Shamir to place strict limits on the election plan, said the source. Likud forced Shamir to modify

his proposal by, among other The PLO statement, which folthings, excluding 140,000 Palesti-nians living in Arab Jerusalem lowed an Executive Committee meeting July 7 and 8, said the Likud move, which ruled out a from the balloting. The U.S. delegation will be led

by Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger and will include John Kelly, assistant secretary of state for Middle

PLO sees glimmer of hope in U.S. the United States has been trying Eastern affairs, and Dennis Ross, meet Secretary of State James to persuade the Palestinians to go the department's top policy planBaker who joins President

> It had argued that the advantage of the plan was that it did not firmed for his post, was expected mic summit. to travel to the Middle East early next month but his trip was pushed up in view of the develop-Ross is travelling to Europe to

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Friday, Baker described the Likud restrictions as "not helpments in Israel, said the source. full to the election plan's prospects.

57 extremists held in Egypt for running terror school

were arrested Monday for allegedly training young boys in violence and illegally inciting them to use it against the government, a security source said.

The source said police made 57 arrests in dawn swoops to break up the terror school for children as young as seven years old at Zagazig, capital of the Nile Delta province of Sharkiya. The city is 85 kilometres northeast of Cairo.

About 40 boys aged seven to 15 were recruited by extremists who "trained them in the use of violence and incited them with lectures to hate the present system of government," said the source. who refused use of his name, He gave no specifics on that but said the extremists exploited

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CAIRO (AP) — Dozens of extremist Muslim fundamentalists days, which began last month, for the terror lessons in the courtyard of a religious institute. He refused to identify the institute. Muslim fundamentalists advo-

cate implementation of Sharia.

The government maintains that

more than 90 per cent of Egypt's laws already conform to Sharia and that the rest will be brought in line gradually. Extremists among the fundamentalists also oppose the present secular government system

and want it replaced by a theocracy similar to Iran's The government systematically cracks down on violence-prone fundamentalists, invoking an emergency law in force since Muslim extremists assassinated President Anwar Sadat

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Jordan, Tunisia sign pact

AMMAN - Jordan and Tunisia Tuesday exchanged the ratified

documents of the cooperation agreement in the field of drawing

and producing maps. The two sides also signed the minutes of the

first meeting of the joint Jordanian-Tunisian Committee for the

production of maps. The minutes of the meeting are designed to

production of maps. The minutes of the meeting are designed to bolster cooperation in the field of map production, exchange technical expertise, and launch joint projects. The minutes were signed by director general of the Jordan National Geographic Centre and the Tunisian director general of Land Measurement and Map Drawing Department (Petra photo)

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

PRINCE MOHAMMAD CONDOLES: His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad, the personal representative of His Majesty King.

Hussein, has delegated director of his office Turki Khreisha to

convey his condolences to Al Zaben family on the death of the late

MAJALI THANKS KING: Former University of Jordan President

Abdul Salam Al Majali Tuesday cabled thanks and appreciation to

His Majesty King Hussein for appointing him as advisor to the King.

In his cable, Majali voiced his pride and appreciation in the confidence the King placed in him and pledged allegiance and loyalty

SHARIF ZAID CONDOLES: Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn

Shaker Tuesday delegated the Madaba district governor to convey

his condolences to Al Zaben family over the death of the late Khalid

RED CRESCENT CAMP CONCLUDES: The eight-day interna-

tional Red Crescent Camp, held at Allan Secondary School for Girls

concluded Tuesday. Taking part in the camp, which was organised by

the Jordanian National Red Crescent Committee, were 75 partici-

KHAMMASH RECEIVES IRAQI ENVOY: Transport and Tele-

communications Minister Hikmat Khammash Tuesday received outgoing Iraqi Ambassador to Jordan Ghafel Jasem Hussein on a visit at the conclusion of the Iraqi envoy's tour of duty in Jordan

Also Tuesday, Public Security Department Director General Abdul

COOPERATION WITH W. GERMANY: Deputy Prime Minister

and Interior Minister Salem Masa'deh Tuesday discussed with the

West German ambassador to Jordan scopes of cooperation (Petra)

GHALI MEETS JORDANIAN ENVOY: Egyptian Minister of

State for Foreign Affairs Dr. Butrus Ghali Tuesday received Jordan's

Ambassador in Cairo Nabih Nimer. The meeting falls within the

framework of consultations to crystallise an Arab position vis-a-vis

the new Israeli manoeuvres related to holding elections in the

AL AL BAYT THANKS PETRA: President of the Royal Academy

for Islamic Civilisation Research (Al Al Bayt Foundation) Dr.

Nassereddin Al Assad has sent a message to Jordan News Agency,

Petra, Director General Ali Safadi expressing appreciation for the

efforts the agency played in covering the seventh Al Al Bayt

CIVIL SERVICE CONSUMERS CORPORATION: The Civil

Service Consumers Corporation has announced that it would

continue to provide its services throughout the Kingdom on

Wednesday. The corporation will observe the Eid Al Fitr holiday

DEIR ALLA HOUSING: Jordan Valley Authority has decided to sell 1,200 residential units to citizens in Thahrat Al Rimal, Al Rabi',

Al Balawneh, and Dirar in Deir Alla district. Interested people were

asked to check at M'adi township to pay the prices of units. (Petra)

DOCTORS' EXAMS: The comprehensive examination of the

intern doctors will be held on Sept. 20 and 21 at Al Bashir Hospital, a Jordan Medical Council source said Monday. The source added that

the deadline for registration for this examination will be Sept. 11.

CENTRAL MARKETS TO OPERATE WEDNESDAY: Amman central market for fruits and vegetables will continue to provide its

normal services on Wednesday the day preceeding the Eid Al Adha,

a Greater Amman Municipality source noted. The source added that

the market will only be closed on the first and the second days of the

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and

the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed

EXHIBITIONS

An art exhibition by three Arab artists representing Rahrain,

☆ A photography exhibition by August Sander at the Yarmouk University.

An exhibition of posters which show the history of puppets at

FOLKLORE

Armenian folk dances by Watani Sporting Club's Spitak Armenian Folklore Troupe at the Royal Cultural Centre —

and the same same as

Syria and Jordan at the Housing Bank Art Gaffery.

time and place with the concerned institutions.

the French Cultural Centre.

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from Thursday July 13 to Monday July 17. (Petra)

pants from nine Arab and four foreign countries. (Petra)

Hadi Majali received the Iraqi ambassador (Petra)

Khaled Hwelah Al Zaben. (Petra)

to the throne. (Petra)

Huweilah Zaben. (Petra)

occupied Arab territories (Petra)

conference. (Petra)

Jordan, Syria seek to enhance cooperation

Mahmoud Al Zu'bi have signed minutes of the Joint Jordanian-Monday.

The minutes provided for hold joint venture projects. ing the sub-committee meetings under the chairmanship of the

The sub-committees will be entrusted with discussing means to enhance cooperation in various fields, according to the minutes.

In the field of agriculture, the sised the need for observing the

DAMASCUS (Petra) — Prime committee reviewed issues per decision taken by the Jordanian-both countries, including the \$10 osed electric grid.

Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker taining to the exchange of tech. Syrian Land Transport Commiltion balanced deal, banking In the field of o arrangements, debts, vegetables resources, the committee and forms fairs and production that a meeting for and saplings, exchange and estreamlining of information on Syrian Higher Committee meet- desert locust movement, providings, which concluded here ing veterinary vaccines and drugs and possibilities of setting up

In the area of transport, the higher committee has approved minister concerned in each the proposals made by the transport and transit committee during its meeting in Amman on June 10, and those made by the joint civil aviation and air transport committee which met on April 4.

The committee also empha-

pany's fleet of buses.

In the industrial sphere, the committee called for the formation of a group to discuss specitries, in addition to the exchange of information on raw materials used for local industry and semimanufactured materials.

look into means of increasing the volume of commodity exchange.

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In the field of electricity, the higher committee has called for resuming studies on the electric fication and metrology of all com-modities produced in both coun-called on officials from both called on officials from both countries to speed up work on this project.

It also called for drawing up joint training programmes for The committee also called on staff from both countries and for officials from both countries to exchanging experiences on the best way to rationalise the use of electricity. They further agreed The committee also discussed a on using local experiences in car-

In the field of oil and mineral

resources, the committee decided that a meeting for the joint subcommittee should be held in August. It called for exchange of experiences and information on oil shale and findings of oil explorations and studies on this subject.

In the irrigation sector, the committee called for work to continue on the construction of Al Wihdah Dam, in accordance with the agreement signed by both countries, and that both governments should facilitate all difficulties which might face the smooth implementation of the



AMMAN (Petra) - Ministry of education under-secretaries dis-Education Secretary General Munther Al Masri Tuesday returned from Tunis where he took part in the 6th meeting of the Arab Ministries of Education Under-secretaries, which conchided in Tunis Monday.

In an arrival statement, Masri said the meeting was designed to look into the effects of changes on the strategy of developing the educational process in the Arab

by the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation (ALECSO) in its ordinary session held in Khartoum in 1978. Masri said, that during the

The strategy has been adopted

three-day meetings the Arab

education, combatting and deand holding a pan-Arab conference on education for Palestinians in the occupied Arab terri-

Participants lauded Jordan's experience in the area of basic education and called a pioneering experience, which should be adopted by other Arab countries for developing their respective educational systems. Masri said.

He pointed out that the undersecretaries have praised the responsible role played by Jordan in supporting the educational sys-

tem in the occupied Arab terricussed issues pertaining to the tones, in light of the continued universalisation of primary Palestinian uprising and the clo-education, combatting and desure, by the Israeli authorities of feating illiteracy by the year 2000 schools and educational institutions there.

He also said that participants noted with appreciation the educational programmes broadcast through Radio Jordan and the Jordan Television to students in the occupied West Bank, in addition to applying the Jordanian curricula in the occupied West Bank and supervising the general examinations held there.

Masri noted that participants have stressed the need for orienting the educational systems to serve for comprehensive development in the Arab World.



Abu Taleb receives Tunisian team

Chief of Staff General Fathi Abu Taleb Tuesday received the visiting Tunisian military delegation led by Director General of the Land Measurement and Map Drawing Department Ali Qallal. They

discussed scopes of cooperation in the field of map production and exchange of technical expertise (Petra photo)

Masa'deh receives U.N. drug control chief

AMMAN - Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Salem Masa'deh Tuesday receives Assistant United Nations Secretary General and Director of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse

Control Juiseppe de Jennaro. Present at the meeting is Public Security Department Director General Abdul Hadi Al Majali (Petra)

Deaths from diarrhoeal diseases declined drastically in Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) --- A one-day symposium on control of diarrhoeal diseases, organised by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) regional office in Amman in cooperation with the Health Ministry, Monday examined a working paper on Bashir Hospital's experience in the treatment of dehydration by using oral rehydration salt and discussed the programme for control of diarrhoeal diseases carried out by the Health Ministry in cooperation with UNICEF, in addition to the local production of oral rehydration salt in Jordan.

Addressing the symposium. Health and Social Development Minister Zuhair Malhas said that diarrhoea is the single worst child killer disease, particularly in the Third World countries.

"It seriousness arises from the dehydration it causes, a disease which is responsible for the miltions of deaths worldwide," Hamzeh noted.

Deputy UNICEF Regional Director Sarojini Abraham pointed out to the decline in the number of child deaths caused by diarrhoea and dehydration, saying that fatality rate from this

disease has decreased from five per one thousand live births to 1 mortality case per 1,000 live births. She voiced appreciation for this great achievement Jordan has attained.

President of the Jordanian Pharmacists Association Tayseer Al Himsi said that diarrhoea cases in Jordan are mild ones. which can be treated by the best and cheapest methods.

He pointed out that the oral rehydration salt has now become accessible to all Jordanians, after starting to produce these salts locally.



ARAMCO gives \$75,000 to Al Najah University

The Arab American Oil Company (ARAMCO) representative in Jordan, Mr. Jamal Al Sarayrah, presented a \$75,000 cheque to Al Najah University President Bahjar Saker in Amman Tuesday. The cheque represents ARAMCO's 1989 con-

tribution to the university. ARAMCO, now fully owned by Saudi Arabia, has regularly been contributing towards the continued activities of the beneficiary societies and educational institutions in the West P. " and Gaza strip. (J.T.)



performers enjoyed their return to Jerash and

second night.

get used to new concepts." he

3,000 people attended the first night and 1,000 attended the

According to Cata's estimates,

"I liked the first night better. there was more atmosphere.

Even if the audience's reaction is

not what the dancers are used to,

The dances (and the accom-

panying music that is performed)

are usually chosen according to

the taste of the country the

suitable, hopes that Jordanian

audiences will become increasing-

ly accustomed to the art of ballet

and come to appreciate it as more

than just "a different type of

The troupe's dancers came to a

consensus that, although per-

forming for an audience not as

familiar with ballet as European

audiences are, they would like to

continue to perform for Arab

audiences, whether in Jerash or

Cata pointed out that the com-

French dancers enjoy a 'fun' audience at Jerash

By Mariam M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Writer

JERASH — Dancing to the beat of the likes of Louis Moreau Gottschalk, George Gerschwin, Lee Gurst, Andre de Tollenaere and E'Hector Berlioz last Saturday and Sunday nights at Jerash's South Theatre was the Ballet Du Nord, representing France for the second time at the Jerash Festival of it is nevertheless very exerting. Culture and Arts.

Established in Roubaiy, north- leaves, which in and of itself is a ern France, in 1983, the troupe good sign," he said, represents a "neo-classique" tradition inherited from George Balanchine, the late choreographer of world renown. Last weekend's two-hour shows were an unusual synthesis of a jazzy musical and a more classical

The director and founder of the ago, and I must say that attendcompany. Cuban-born, Swiss- ance was much better this year." educated Alfonso Cata was pleased to be back in Jordan dancer, felt that "there was a following his first working visit in

I sit with the audience and Jordanian audiences are not accustomed to ballet, for the most part, but that makes the Jordanian audience is definitely less sophisticated than the European one. But it is a 'fun' audience. Some people smoke, some eat, some talk, while others laugh or whistle, but hardly anyone

According to one of the troupe is visiting. Cata, who

troupe's 41 dancers, Sylvie Mon-selects the dances he believes doulet, "the audience was very noisy. There was very little of the kind of feedback that we usually get from European audiences. There was a lot of whistling. I came with the troupe five years

Renatus Hoogenraad, a male surprised hush from the audience during the first scene. I think they expected to find female dancers watch their reactions. I know that on stage, instead they found six males and not a single female through the entire first scene. I don't think many in the audience thing as a male ballet dancer."

> Cata pointed out that until ten years ago, even in Europe male dancers were looked upon with

pany's performance in Jerash was arranged by the French Ministry

other Arab cities.

entertainment.

challenge even greater. The even knew that there is such a of Foreign Affairs in order to strengthen diplomatic ties and cultural relations between France and Jordan. The cost of their stay was shared by the ministry, the Jerash Festival Committee, "It takes time for all people to Royal Jordanian and Air France.

Expatriates seek more incentives

By a Jordan Times staff reporter

AMMAN — The Jordanian economy and the role of expatriates in reinvigorating it were the focus of the fourth Jordanian expatriate conference which concluded here Tuesday, and the dominant opinion among those attending the gathering was that investments in the Kingdom would "greatly increase" if the Jordanian dinar

stabilises and the government or

companies provide additional in-

Expatriates from Kuwait and Abu Dhabi interviewed by the Jordan Times agree that as long as the price of the dinar fluctuates there will be a lack of confidence in the Kingdom as a "place for

investment. "How can we place our money in projects, when the price of the JD changes from day to day?" asked an employee of a computer

company in Kuwait, Kholod Al

Dhabi also said that the conditions for investment in Jordan are "not encouraging due to instability of the JD. A school principal from

Abdullah Al Majalli from Abu

Kuwait, Azam Amin Nazzal suggested that until the JD stabilises, Jordan can encourage investments by allowing expatriates to open hard currency accounts in Jordanian banks, "but this must be accompanied by the freedom of hard currency movement," inside and outside the Kingdom.

On the other hand, an expatriate who refused to disclose his identity says that the recent Jordanian economic instability is not a major discouraging factor

"This is a temporary problem. and if investors wish to invest they can find ways, especially since most have foreign curren-cies in banks abroad," he said.

an educational technology project, "which does not need foreign currency and uses local mate-

In addition to investor confidence and economic security, one expatriate, a senior designer at a Kuwaiti oil company, Mohammad Faleh Abdul Latect, says that reducing bureaucratic procedures would further increase incentives for investors.

You spend so much time going from one department to another just to get a lilcence for a project, and wasted time means wasted money." Abdul Lateef said. "It would make a big difference if all the (bureaucratic) procedures could be completed in one week."

However, he, like the other interviewed expatriates, agrees that expatriate forums are the first step in the right direction.

"When we begin to know what the problems (for investors) are, then we can start solving them," Adding that he is embarking on Abdul Lateef concluded.

Higher council to issue licences to establish 2 private universities

Council for Education Monday agreed to issue two preliminary licences for establishing two pri-vate universities in Jordan.

At a meeting, the council held Monday under the chairmanship of Higher Education Minister Nassereddin Al Assad, the coun-

for Investments and Dr. Seif Al Wadi, the general coordinator of the National University Project, to set up two universities, one in Balqa Governorate under the name of Amman Private University and the second in Amman

the United Jordanian Company

AMMAN (Petra) — The Higher cil examined two offers made by University of Applied Sciences.

Dr. Assad pointed out that the council, after studying the two offers and the recommendations made by the technical committee in charge of studying requests for establishing private sector universities, has initially agreed to issue Governorate under the name of two licences for the applicants.

NHF, WHO seek rural development

AMMAN (Petra) - A meeting was held Tuesday for representatives of the Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF), the Health Ministry and the World Health Organisation (WHO) to discuss necessary steps for implementing a project for developing life in rural areas of Jordan.

The project aims to provide basic services to rural areas in order to involve rural people in the development of their local communities, in addition to ex-

mental resources available for the benefit of development projects. The three-phase project also aims to integrate women in the

community life and to enhance their contribution to the development of such communities. The project will be carried out

in three areas; Suweimeh, Bassah and Quwairah.

ploiting the human and environ- Mufti said it focuses on the involvement of the communities concerned in development efforts to advance their living conditions. NHF's Social Development Programme Director Isam Zawawi said that the project will provide loans to set up income gener-

ating projects. Such loans can be obtained from a special village fund to be financed by WHO. Similar programmes have been

carried out in Thailand. Somalia.





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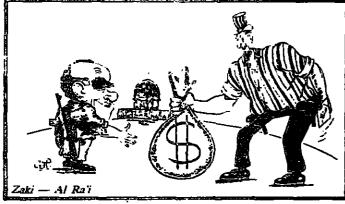
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Exemplary relations

THE SWEEPING and comprehensive recommendations and decisions of the Joint Jordanian-Syrian Higher Committee which were adopted during the talks held in Damascus Monday between Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and his Syrian counterpart Mahmoud Al Zoubi prove beyond a shadow of doubt that Jordanian-Syrian relations are as solid as ever. They also indicate that the brotherly relations between the two countries emanate first and foremost from the excellent fraternal relations that exist between His Majesty King Hussein and President Hafez Al Assad. Such excellent personal relations have proved to be solid and firm and able to withstand all tests. The seven-principal recommendations of the joint committee were the culmination and the symbol of the exemplary relations that so happily exist between the two Arab countries.

One close look at the string of resolutions of the Joint Jordanian-Syrian Higher Committee would reveal the depth and scope of the enlarged Jordanian-Syrian relations on all fronts. Perhaps the most important feature of these decisions is the resolution to implement the Al Wihda Dam project as soon as possible. It must be noted that the said dam has become the true epitome of the developing relations between the two neighbourly countries and peoples. A great deal of hope and high expectations are therefore associated with the swift construction of that dam; and the sooner it is completed the firmer the Syrian-Jordanian relations would become. Equally important are the agreements to further develop and consolidate cooperation between the two countries in agriculture, transport, electricity, petroleum and minerals, and other ongoing enterprises.

All in all, the just-concluded visit of Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker to Damascus and the fruits of that visit tell a very happy and successful story. The warmth with which Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and his accompanying delegation were received in Damascus is a living testimony of the continuing good and brotherly Syrian-Jordanian



Jordan Press Editorials

Al Ra'i daily newspaper on Tuesday tackled Jordan's continued drive to achieve pan-Arab unity by first embarking on an integration process with individual Arab states. The paper in referring to the current meetings in Damascus by the Joint Jordanian Syrian Higher Committee, said that the Kingdom has always been keen on achieving this aspired unity in implementation of the principles of the Great Arab Revolt. Steps to achieve integration among Arab states are no alternative to pan-Arab unity but they are no doubt beneficial because they lead to the attainment of that goal, the paper noted. It said that the prime minister's talks in Damascus should be considered as part of the country's on going effort in this direction. What Syria and Jordan aim to achieve at present, the paper added, is integration in a number of fields and bolstering their national economies by attaining self-sufficiency in a number of products. The success of the talks and the impetus given to the joint projects the paper added, give rise to optimism and prove that the joint process is a guarantee for the attainment of the greater unity.

A columnist in Al Ra'i daily comments Tuesday on a decision by the Israeli Labour Party to leave the present government coalition in Israel. Mahmoud Al Rimawi says that the Labour Party's decision which followed statements reflecting its frustration with Shamir's policies will no doubt bring down the cabinet and force new elections. The writer notes that the present government crisis in Israel exposed the real intentions of the Zionist movement and the real objective behind the so-called Shamir's elections plan. It had been hoped by many that the plan would unify the government rather than cause splits, but after Shamir had listened to the extremist elements in the Likud bloc and decided on policies which in effect cancel the proposed elections, the Labour Party had nothing left, says the writer. For the Arabs it had been clear right from the beginning that the Shamir plan was intended as a gambit and no more than a means to terminate the intifada which has been met with an escalation of the Israeli iron fist policy, the writer continues. He says that the Shamir plan which has frustrated and disappointed Israel's European friends has now brought about the current crisis within the coalition because it is no more than a bid to perpetuate repression.

Sawt Al Shaab daily said that the present Israeli coalition government is bound to fall any minute now in the light of the split between the Likud and Labour parties. Shamir is expected either to beg the votes and the support to the religious and extremist parties to keep the Likud in power or resign and pave the way for a parliamentary election, the paper noted. It said that in both cases the Likud is bound to continue the drive to escalate repression against the Palestinian people in a desperate attempt to end the uprising. Israel according to many observers is also faced with two probabilities: To make peace with the Arabs or go to war, and the first option seems now to be a far possibility, said the paper. The only hope for these observers is for Shimon Peres to form a new minority government and take the initial step towards attaining a comprehensive peace, added the daily.

ECOLIGHT

By Jawad Anani

An election of economics, not politics

SPECULATION about elections is now behind us. The force of positive change has won, and the leader of Jordan has opted for it. This is good news, very good news.

However, the decision to pursue elections is not an end in itself. No matter how much we glorify democracy, it remains a means to something, not an end. It is an instrument for a society to reach

resolutions to its problems and pending affairs.

The runners for the eighty parliamentary seats will soon begin to set up campaigns, adopt slogans, reveal biases, and refine their positions on all the issues. We will see that some may compromise their convictions with flashy rhetoric. Others may opt for compromising tones on their stances, especially those they think are not acceptable to the populace. We might also witness brow-raising views. Is any election campaign void of maverick ideas and men?

Economic issues will certainly occupy a central position. Strange as it may seem, the political issues may look homogeneous among the different subjects debated. Even those who may be labelled as "soft" and moderate could resort to

flowery language. Economic issues are the points of variation. People who come from rural areas will insist on a strong central decision-making authority for the protection and the support of less-privileged areas, but they may also ask the central government to decentralise the economic decision-making process. Does this sound paradoxical? Yes, but these people feel that a delegation that comes to them from a strong government makes

We will also see that the issue of adjustment will be of central attention. For reasons of national pride, Jordanians will desire to decrease the size of the foreign debt, achieve greater independence, and receive the aid of Arab States. Price relaxation may not be a big electoral issue, but it will occupy greater attention when the Parliament convenes.

Government expenditures and tax collection will certainly be debated during the campaign. As usual, most candidates will insist on the decrease of government expenditures but will also demand more allocations for education, health, food and housing. Moreover, under the argument of greater efficiency, they will demand more taxes on the rich and less on the poor. Government expenditure will be mainly considered as a tool of income

The devaluation of the dinar will be considered mainly a symptom and not an illness. The fluctuation in the dinar excha rate is the result of bad management, and so the candidates will ask mainly for a stabilising of the rate.

Regional development will also occupy a priority position, especially by candidates from the seven governorates outside. Amman. Yet, the five-year plan will now have to be revamped.

Economic development will be insisted on. However, not many people will give much thought to the dilemma of shouldering short-term adjustment and long-term growth. This problem will

be left for governments to resolve. It will be a campaign of economics, not politics. The way to achieve electoral success - this fall and thereafter - is to maintain a happy balance between professionalism m tackling economic problems and populism. We need to wait and

The Likud's doublethink

from the Israeli newspaper, The Jerusalem Post

By Arye Naor

PRIME MINISTER Yitzbak Shamir could really be satisfied at the end of the Likud Party meeting last Wednesday. From now on it is absolutely clear that there are no ideological differences inside the party. Only unrealistic observation can describe Shamir as more "pragmatic" than his party rivals — Ariel Sharon, David Levy and Yitzhak Moda'i. He sacrificed nothing by accepting their four demands. Rather. his acceptance was an expression of his own deep, fundamental convictions. Nothing has changed.

Time and again the premier repeated, while campaigning inside the party in recent weeks, that his opponents were motivated by political ambition rather than ideology. "They aren't suggesting anything that is unacceptable to me," he told many groups of central committee members.

Proving that there was no real difference of opinion between him and Sharon, the premier could smile on his televised interview and declare that he saw no contradiction between the Likud's resolutions and the government's "peace initiative."

Confronted with such a contradiction, one might conclude that Mr. Shamir has tried to fool all the people, at least some of the

This is a wrong conclusion. Shamir has fooled no one. He has always said that he has no intention of changing the ideology in which he sincerely believes. He has always categorically said that he will never give up anything in return for peace — and he has always meant it. He has always said that peace will be possible only when the Arabs are persuaded that Israel is the strongest power in the region. Nothing should be given them for accepting what is basically for their own good: peace with the strongest actor in the arena.

As far as Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District are concerned — these are our patrimony, right-fully belonging to the Jewish people, and they should never be relinquished to the Arabs, who are outsiders there. Shamir has always said that giving up those

The following article is reprinted areas would mean a weakening of Israel, which would destroy the possibility of peace; giving up territory would push Israel to indefensible boundaries.

These have always been the main characteristics of Shamir's thinking. He has devoted his life to the realisation and preservation of the ideological principles on which his thinking is based, and he deserves to be believed when he says he has no intention of changing them. Levy, Moda'i and especially

Sharon — who knows so well how to use the principles in which Shamir so deeply believes — had had no real grounds to question the premier's devotion to the ideology. The last-minute development at the Likud meeting proved it. Shamir did not simply surrender to his rivals. Rather, by accepting their conditions he said Yes" to his inner voice. If the 'peace initiative" endangered the realisation of the ideology, then the initiative had to be cleverly turned aside.

The crisis in the Likud has been avoided because there was no ground for a real crisis. They all speak the same language and think the same way.

Now it is up to the Labour Party here and up to the administration in Washington to decide whether they have been cheated.

There is a clear contradiction between the initiative as approved by the cabinet and presented by the premier at the White House, on the one hand, and, on the other, the Likud's resolutions Wednesday night.

The contradiction is expressed by the resolutions and by the spirit of the political development. As far as the formula is concerned, one has to distinguish between rhetoric and policy. Only two of the four conditions set by Levy, Moda'i and Sharon are connected with real policy that there will be no negotiations as long as violence continues, and that the Arab residents of Jerusalem will not be permitted to participate in the elections.

The other two conditions - no negotiations with the PLO and continued settlement - are mere rhetoric: the government has no budget for new settlements, and indirect negotiations with the PLO can be continued by U.S. diplomats... and be denied by Israel. That is precisely what has

The policy conditions have a more powerful meaning. As long

as Jerusalem Arabs are not permitted to participate in the process and there is no negotiation as long as violence continues, the initiative is doomed. No Arab is expected to participate in a political process based on these two conditions. The Likud's leaders know this no less than anybody else. Yet they cheerfully make two contradictory decisions: to continue with the initiative and, at the same time, to frustrate that very initiative.

Bridging the gap between the initiative and these conditions requires George Orwell's doublethink: "Doublethink means the power of holding two contradictory beliefs in one's mind simultaneously, and accepting both of them" (1984, II:9).

Perhaps this is the power that enables the premier to believe that he can make peace and give nothing in return.

Perhaps this is the power that enables the Likud at once to declare allegiance to the initiative and frustrate it.

The political spirit of the developments in the Likud sheds more light on the contradiction. Sharon made no secret of his opinion that the initiative is very dangerous to Israel's national security. Apart from considerations of party politics, he and his ministerial partners — Levy and Moda'i — had a strategic target: to kill the initiative in order to save the national interest.

The faces of the party's leaders showed who won: the broad smiles and jubilant cheers of the three ministers and their close aides left no room for doubt.

Beyond the implications for the

distribution of power among the Likud's leaders, there is another, strategically significant, result. The initiative is finished. If the resolutions and the premier's speech did not kill it, the distribution of power does. It is now up to Sharon, Levy and Moda'i to decide whether or not Shamir's hands are free at any specific moment on any given issue. Without their consent. Shamir will face political and perhaps even legal moves, on the grounds. of disobeying the binding resolu-

Consequently, the Labour Party has no choice but to leave the

in Shamir's government under the new guidelines he has from his party will be to legitimise the old-new hardline and Sharon's leadership. If Labour takes it policy and ideology as seriously as the Likud takes its own, Labour can no longer participate in a government with the Likud.

When Shamir came out with the initiative, some observers expressed the hope that Israel was turning towards a bi-partisan foreign policy. The American example was set as a model. On Wednesday morning, when Shamir seemed to be determined to fight his rivals, that hope seemed to be materialising.

Perhaps it takes the "power of doublethink" to enable the Likud to believe in its self-contradictory

Labour requires something else to stay in this government: it has to give up its uniqueness, its platform, its beliefs, its credi-

"'A house divided against itself cannot stand," Abraham Lincoln said, quoting St. Luke, and he concluded: "I believe this government cannot endure permanently, half slave and half free."

Our government also cannot endure permanently with half of it committed to the peace initiative and the other half committed to its nullification.

With the end of the initiative, Labour is at a dead end — unless it leaves the coalition, either to form an alternative government in this Knesset or to go into opposition and build a strong alternative for the future.

Step in right direction; more are needed

By Waleed Sadi

THE WISE and much overdue decision of the Ministry of Education that henceforth students who fail the Tawjihi exam tions would be asked to repeat only the courses that they fail and not the whole academic year is a good step in the right direction. This giant leap forward in modernising the educational system in the Kingdom is almost revolutionary in the sense that the many voices that called in the past for the same very sensible decision have all fell on deaf and ultra conservative ears. Finally, thanks God, the educational authorities in the country saw the wisdom and common sense in repealing the old archaic tradition of demanding students to repeat the courses that they excelled in together with those that they had failed. Why it took the country so

long to see the light of day only God knows.

The new minister of education, Dr. Abdullah Nsour, is to be commended for accepting the new findings of the special panel charged with the task to overhaul the Tawjihi examinations. His enlightened and progressive approach to education can usher in other new ideas that have yet to be introduced to our generally archair system of education. Just as the old rule requiring students to repeat courses that they had passed had always defied logic and entailed mutold costs both human and economic, there are other dimensions in our educational system that have yet to be rectified. To mention only one, our entire schooling system is based on the edifice of memorisation rather than on rational and analytical thinking. What Jordan needs is a population of students trained to think — not to recite by heart, chapters and verses from geography, history or poetry books.

And as Jordan is developing into a regional educational centre, should we not liberate our private schools from the bureaucratic rules that apply to our public schools in order to facilitate for them the execution of educational systems geared to serve the whole region? Lest we forget, Lebanon once served the whole Middle East region in educational pursuits and was able to generate much business for that country as well. Since Jordan seeks hard currencies, why not play the role of Lebanon by liberating our private schools from the suffecating rules of the Ministry of Education. For example, the curriculum of the private schools should be relaxed and liberated from the orthodox Jordanian educational norms in order to cater better to regional needs. Likewise, the breakup of the school year as far as private schools are concerned should also be left up to the private schools themselves in order again to suit the requirements of the region. To be sure there are many other avenues to further improve our education system. The new minister of education is clearly on the

Expatriates adopt economic action man residents, include citizens Middle East.

(Continued from page 1)

soon, he told reporters at the end of the conference.

The university, expected to cover specialisations offered by traditional universities, is to follow a Japanese-style of education that stresses practical training. Romahi said the university would relieve the pressure from Jordan's other four government colleges and encourage the flow of foreign currency into the Kingdom. The university's 800 or so founders, 100 of whom are Amand members of the ruling families in the Gulf states. The conference also adopted

recommendations and resolutions issued during last week's one-day seminar on the role of the expatriates in the development of the Kingdom.

On the political level, the conference reaffirmed Jordan's position towards the Palestinian problem, the steps taken to highlight the Palestinian identity and boostthe intifada, and the Kingdom's efforts to help convene an international peace conference on the

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Participants also expressed support for the Jordanian role in establishing the Arab Coopera-tion Council (ACC), and voiced pride in Jordan's support of Iraq. as well as the Kingdom's participation in efforts to safeguard Lebanon's unity and Arab identify. They expressed pride in the King's letter of appointment to the government, especially on the issue of resuming parliamentary life, the reorganisation of the country's administration and the elimination of favouritism and

unsound practices.



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Asianstudents increasingly drawn to U.S. universities

By Larry Thorson
The Associated Press

OKYO - If you look at educaonal pedigrees around Asia, a I.S. college background seems ke a ticket to the top. National leaders with American egrees include President Coraon Aquino of the Philippines, resident Lee Teng-Hui of aiwan and Prime Minister Beazir Bhutto of Pakistan, Former S. college students are imporint educators, activists and enepreneurs in many Asian counies, and they provide a muchseded link of experience and nderstanding between East and

Those who stay in the United ates are now recognised as slping to keep American stanards up in science and technolo-/. Fields especially favoured by udents from China and India. Many more of Asia's brightest e in the U.S.-bound pipeline. ewly enriched Asian countries in afford to send more youngsrs abroad to study. They are awn to American campuses by e availability of places, growing insciousness of membership in e Pacific rim community, and imiration for the U.S. higherlucation system. Atsuko Matsumoto, 24, said

ie hadn't been forced to study ard for her degree at Yokohama ity College and hoped for more imulation in an advanced merican business course. If she es, it will be her second dip into .S. education. She also has: en to an intensive English surse at spring bill college in "I heard that American uni-

asity students study very hard, I think it's good to go to school ere," Matsumoto said while umbing through university talogs in the office of the .pan-United States educational mmission. The office's library was jam-

ed with young Japanese explorpage handbook on how to get adv for an American university ucation. lt's a scence mirrored many

aces in Asia as youth in the avily populated arc from Pakisn to China plan their schooling. me intend to return home after S. study. Some stay in the nited States for high-paying bs or research that cannot be ne at home. Others seek to we behind forever the deprivan or oppression or political certainty in their homelands. Soon after the dust settled in sijing following the crackdown pro-democracy demonstras. young people braved watch-police and lined up at U.S. usulates in Chinese cities to

ply for student visas. They face many barriers, espeily if they need the government iding that is given to 35,000 of 80,000 Chinese studying road this year.

competitive tests. Also important are family connections - relations in China who will ensure the student's eventual return - and being "ideologically and morally sound," in the words of rules issued in 1987.

Despite such barriers, China had more students in the United is expected to be just under States than any other country this year, an estimated 40,000. is expected to be just under 20,000 for the next few years, well below the peak of 24,000 in

Playing a major role

State support is given mostly to graduate students in engineering and business. Returned students play a major role in advanced study within China, numbering 30 per cent to 50 per cent of the' teachers of postgraduate courses, said Yu Fuzeng, Director of the State Education Commission's Foreign Affairs bureau in Beijing. In the 1987-88 school year,

Asian students numbered 180,500, or 50.7 per cent of all foreign students in the United States, compared with 28.6 per cent in 1979-80, according to statistics in a newsletter of the U.S. National Association for Foreign Student Affairs.

1987-88 was the first year in which Asians were the majority of foreign students, and Asian countries held eight of the first 10 places in the ranking of nations with the most students in U.S.

William K. Cummings, director of the office of International Education at the Harvard graduate school of education, wrote in the newsletter that "one can reasonably anticipate continuing expansion of the Asian appetite for overseas study."

Many more may be coming from South Korea, which liberalised overseas travel in January and now permits anyone to apply for a passport. The foreign ministry in Seoul reports issuing 27,000 passports to students this year, 132 per cent more than last

The influx from Asia will help U.S. universities withstand a dechine in the number of American students and is likely to aid in the development of collaborative programmes between U.S. and foreign universities. Cummings wrote.

The flow of Asian students to the United States adds over \$1 billion to the American economy," he said.

But Cummings warned of potential problems if too many Asians concentrate in a few schools or departments. This problem aiready has

caused Malaysia to modify its ambitious programme of sending students to the United States. which started early in the 1980s after Britain, formerly the first choice for study abroad, increased fees for foreign students. So many Malaysians were concentrated on a few U.S. campuses that some of the village youths

Most Chinese who are permit- among them got caught up m ted to study abroad have to pass Islamic fundamentalist groups and became deeply religious. The government in Kuala Lumpur is trying to disperse students to more U.S. universities and encourages American institutions to

set up branch campuses in

Malaysia. The number of Malaysian students in the United States

U.S. degrees formerly weren't valued much in Malaysia or some other Asian countries, especially those that had colonial ties to Britain and long-term links with British universities.

But that is changing, as Arjun Fernando of Sri Lanka experienced recently. Fernando, 30, has a graduate business degree from emson University, and for a while thought he was part of his country's brain drain because Sri Lanka didn't think highly of his U.S. degree.

Coming home "I had no intentions of return-

ing, but during a holiday in Sri Lanka, I was offered a good job at the Hong kong and Shanghai bank in Colombo, which I accepted," he said. In South Korea, Park Young-

Joon, 33, said his MBA from the University of Washington was the top degree at Coryo securities when he started three years ago as an economic research analyst, but now nine of his colleagues have equal or better U.S. degrees are reducing to the property. "My degree has been a great

help to my career in Korea, but there are now many, too many. Almost everyone has an MBA. He said his U.S. education

helped him to speak English, the international language of busi-"Another benefit is the exposure to American standards, to

American ways of thinking. A lot Americans in financial industries, and my knowledge of the United States is an asset," Park said. Asian politicians with U.S.

educations may infuse some American-style democratic liberalism into the their countries. That appears to be the case in Taiwan, where more liberal policies have been the rule in recent years. President Lee Teng-Hui's 25-member cabinet boasts 17 members who have studied in the United States.

Many Asian countries say a large proportion of overseas students don't return home. Estimates put the proportion staying in the United States at 60 per cent to 70 per cent in Sri Lanka and about 90 per cent in Bangladesh, and apparently few students return to China, India and Taiwan.

But there are many cases in which U.S.-educated people returned to their countries late in life or after a gap of years.

Iranian women form a consensus on Rafsanjani

This is the last part of a three part article about women's

Such is the talk at the local sauna, where only two large pictures of Khomeini and a doorway drapped with funereal black cloth give any clue that we might be in grief-stricken Iran. Ronnoush and its restrictions quickly give way to spiralling costs, food shortages and the coupon system followed by what may be in store under an administration almost certain to be led by the turbanned cleric and strongman, Hashemi Rafsanjani. The women are mostly middle-class, coming for a sauna once or twice a week to escape the children, mother-inlaw pressures; to talk womanly things and have a good giggle. Creatures of foreboding in black, they strip down with alacrity. Jokes are lewd, often political,

and the singing boisterous through clouds of steam. Some have come to lose weight and express surprise at the suggestion that the veil or roupoush is all embracing, all hiding — so why bother? Moin, the Iranian singer who has made the United States his home, is at a premium these days and everyone joined in a song which lamented the passing of the good times and the coming of sorrow, sorrow, sorrow. Music provided "it doesn't make you tingle" - and chess are OK these days, but not backgammon or playing cards for money.



middle classes as the Red Mullah, Rafsaniani is now seen as the leader..."

Farahnaz, a bubbly 25-year-old secretary who can reduce the others to gales of langhter, re-sents the Islamic order and, more particularly, the recent war. Unusually, for a good-looking Iranian, she has not married and remarks matter-of-factly: "The war has driven all the best men overseas. The rich, the educated, they are all in America." For the moment at least, she is not prepared to settle for second best and holds out little hope that the government's recent announcement of a military service waiver in exchange for \$10,000 will attract many young men back.

Clearly, the coupon system and inflation — officially put at 22 per cent but generally reckoned to be about 50 per cent --- are major headaches for the women. In deference to the poor, the gov-ernment has fixed bread at prerevolution prices, but that's about

Put simply, not enough food can be obtained with coupons, introduced at the start of the Gulf war in 1980 as a form of rationing, and families are increasingly forced to shop on the open market where such purchases as meat, eggs and cheese are up to 10 times more expensive. Coupon

supplies are erratic, with items not available for months on end. Another bugbear --- particularly for the newly-married - is the housing shortage and subsequent spiralling rents. A two-bedroomed flat in central Tehran rents for about 100,000 rials a month on top of an initial down-payment of five million rials. With civil servants earning an average monthly salary of only 70,000 rials, many newly-weds are forced to be down in a parents' spare room.

Low salaries

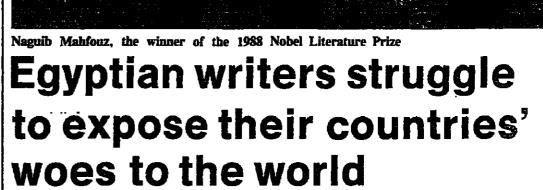
Burgeoning corruption — mostly blamed on low salaries and mounting financial hardship caused by the war - has returned to haunt revolutionary Iran. Consultants describe the government as "fosilised, bloated, and on the take" and everyone has their own tale of corruption among junior clergymen and Swiss bank accounts - which can't be proven one way or another. Unlike in the Shah's time, the leadership is said to be clean, with corruption not yet institutionalised. But commission agents make a good living in Tehran with every level of the civil service below director-general sus-ceptible, it is said, to a bribe or

Tehran's two polarised com-munities may view the revolution and its aftermath very differently, but both north and south seem agreed on Iran's powerful Majlis speaker, Hashemi Rafsanjani, as their man. Less than one month has elapsed since the Ayatollah's death but hopes are already riding dangerously high on the emerging strongman to bring a period of prosperity and security. In a poor warren of a suburb.

right out in south-east Tehran, a mother, who arrived in the capital less than 10 years ago from Ardebii, accepts the new Rafsanjani-Khamenei alliance without question. It could be argued that the newly elevated Ayatollah Khamenei is, at 49, too young to be a supreme leader, that he lacks a religious thesis and has none of Khomeini's charisma. True or not, few Tehranis want to discuss Like a wealthy bazaari serveral

hours before, Fatimeh unconsciously mouths the words of Rafsanjani at Friday prayers. "Khamenei is a man of the world; he has travelled, met foreigners and knows his way around. He has spent the last 40 years in theological school." Once derided by the middle classes as the Red Mullah, Rafsanjani is now seen as the leader who will give north Tehranis a piece of the war reconstruction action, employment for south Tehranis, more food, less rationing, and an easier time all round for women. The talk is mostly about economic not political - liberalisation, though some insist the two must go together. Delivering such goods after 10 years of upheaval will not be easy. Many are tempted into thinking that the revolutionary chaos has all but burned itself out with the outpourings of grief at Khomeini's graveside, but Rafsanjani will have to move slowly, taling years not months to keep his economic pledges if he is to avoid confrontation.

Khomeini once said that revolutious were not fought over the price of water melons. Right or wrong, many Tehranis clearly believe the time may be ripe to take a new look at one of Iran's The Guardian



CAIRO — In one of his recent short stories, the Egyptian novelist Youssef el Kaid, 45, uses the form of a fable to make his point. A rich man reaches the banks of a wide river and, seeking to cross it, finds a large strong man whom he asks to carry him. The giant obliges and the rich man climbs on his back for the crossing. Once on the other side of the river, the strong man, expiring from fatigue, asks to be paid. The rich man, furious, kicks

the poor man and proceeds "angrily upon his way."
"What's come over the world?" Mr. El Kaid has the rich man ask. "Why do the poor

people think about getting rich? Isn't there a law against that?" Like many writers making a name today in contemporary Egyptian literature, Youssef el Kaid is angry, mostly about social injustice. But there are other reasons for his anger. Although he and his fellow

Egyptian writers are still the most widely read and influential in the Arab World, Mr. El Kaid is rarely read outside the region. Neither last year's Nobel prize to the 78-year-old Egyptian novelist Naguib Mahfouz — nor the flap over Salman Rushdie's

solace, "I'm afraid a lot of people will try to write folklorically (like Mr. Mahfouz) about our backward situation to interest the West." said Mr. El Kaid. Of Salman Rushdie, he said, "The West is rewarding him for trying to destroy Islam. The West encourages those who attack Islam."

"Satanic Verses" gives him

Egyptian writers and intellectuals who have come to prominence in the 1970s and 1980s, several generations after Naguib Mahfouz, considered the founding father of the Arabic novel, made his mark. Although there are exceptions,

Mr. El Kaid is typical of many

the most recognised of Egypt's younger writers are fiercely secular and nationalistic, either Marxist or socialist, anti-Western and frequently anti-American. Unlike Mr. Mahfouz, whose

work was rewarded because it was "rich in nuance - now clearsightedly realistic, now evocatively ambiguous," Egypt's more contemporary writers do not use the Balzacián style that Mr. Mahfouz horrowed to describe Cairo in muted colours. They are tough. Although most have so far shied away from dealing with the growing militancy of Islam, their books assault social injustice, the wide gap between rich and poor, corruption, Western influence and political oppression. "Whereas Mahfouz's style was

véritè, about the Egyptian alleys and popular quarters of Cairo,

leader was waiting paperless in

our generation is more an angry one and much more vocal than Mahfouz " said Mohammed Salmawy, a playwright and, for some time, an official in Egypt's Culture Ministry. "We are angry not at what was but at what is."

"We lived the era of great dreams before 1967." said Gamal Ghitani, Egypt's most successful contemporary writer, speaking of the 1952 revolution against the monarchy and the rise of Nas-In the 1967 Six-Day War with

Israel. "suddenly we suffered the problem of democracy and then the moments of defeat," he added. "Then Sadat came and transformed the society. We are not only angry. We have suffered great disappointments." A look at today's writers gives

a good feeling for where many Egyptian intellectuals stand. A large number of prominent writers maintain jobs at the nation's major newspapers. This has been an intellectual tradition, but it is enforced by necessity. "No Arabic writer can live

from his books," said Mr. Ghitani, who scored the greatest success among Egyptian writers when one of his novels, "Zeiny Barakat," was published by Penguin in Britain. Mr. Ghitani edits the literary

page of the weekly governmentrun Akbar el Yom in Cairo. But things could be worse. Many of these writers served time in Nasser's prisons in the 1960s because they were agitating for more socialism than Nasser was

willing to bring. With censorship largely a thing of the past, contemporary writers are openly treating the themes closest to their hearts: political repression and the deformation of society under the late President Anwar Sadat. "Zeiny Barakat," first pub-

lished in 1986, deals with Mamaluk times of the 14th century and political repression in that era. The book is written in the archaic Egyptian language of the period. But more recently, Mr. Ghitani has become clearer in his criticism. His latest book, published three months ago, takes on the Sadat period and what intellectuals regard as the shocks to traditional society as Mr. Sadut tried to bring Western capitalism to Egypt. Under Mr. Sadat's infitah. or opendoor policy, many intellectuals charge importers and exporters got rich, production lost out and Egyptian peasants in droves had to seekwork in the Gulf

Mr. Ghitani's latest novel deals with Egyptian farmers in the Gulf cut off from their families in

Mr. El Kaid, who holds down a iob at the government-run newsweekly Al Mussawa, is writing a novel on the same theme But Mr. El Kaid has included

among his characters the imam of a village mosque and is one of the few authors who has begun to treat the growing influence of Islam on the lives of Egyptians. But although ardently secular.

Egyptian authors rule out an assault on Islam like that of Mr. Rushdie. "You can say anything, but when you are a writer you must consider the feelings of the people," said Mr. Ghitani. "Even if I am Marxist, I am originally a Muslim and I am living in a Muslim society." Mr. El Kaid added, however,

that even if he wanted to deal with certain aspects of Islam for example the concept of an Islamic state and the conquest of nations in the early years of Islam — it would be difficult to do this. "There are restrictions in deal-

ing with the Prophet in literature," said Mr. El Kaid, "and the Prophet does not make mistakes. There are an incredible number of taboos preventing authors from approaching religious figures. In the West a separation of church and state developed. But here it hasn't developed that

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By Mike Zwerin International Herald Tribune

NDON -Last month Records people re working the phones in the iler room in the bowels of their uswick offices. A boiler room 't really in the bowels and they re under a skylight but some-ng like shoveling coal was ing on there. The phones were ging off the book. They had a iblem. The worst of it was they ildn't even blame the French. e French were the solution, t the problem.

A concert had been advertised months. More than a concert a phenomenon, a cultural lestone, the beginning of an I. African music was about to ive in London - at the Brix-Academy — by way of Paris h Salif Keita, Ray Lema and er African names in the form "Africa Fete."

Dailies, weeklies and the rock and the radio had been full corkeyed copy with unbeard-of tural, historical, political and

musical overtones. The music was coming from the wrong direction. Pop music is not supposed to move east west by way of south north. On top of it all, it has become chic to be French in English pop music circles.

Island's problem was not getting solved. Paper problems are not made to be solved. The concert was set for the following evening, which was supposed to have marked the arrival of World Music" in London, from Paris in the east. Africa Fete, the image of the future, the 21st century right now, seemed to be in distortion mode.

Paris has been called the capital of African music for most of this decade. We are now approaching the next step. The capital of African music is beginning to export it. The African musicians want to meet the world. Paris is a provincial city on the way to the principal market - America by way of London. Saturday the 22d was to be an important stop on the westward journey.

rive in London as an ethnic beg-gar, some folklorique yodeler with a beret. World Music deserves global terms. Setting it up in London, the media were parting the savannah like Charlton Heston parting the Red Sea, speaking of finding "the cosmic Africa voice." Since Kalif Seita's album "Soro" sold 40,000 copies in a year, there are those who suspect that he might just be it. It is in fact an earbrushing voice. He

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where Jumbo, Claudia, Pam, Jerry and Laurent were still working

They begged the press for patience, pleaded with authorities to use their authority. Working papers and visas had been applied for months ago. There followed a string of what might be called coincidences. Papers lost, late, names misspelled, forms sent to wrong offices. Coincidence? Every one of these musicians is a

had similar problems a week earlier for an unrelated gig at Ronnie Scott's. Is it possible that some officials are not exactly overjoyed with the prospect of all these African "artists" about to be dumped on them.

By late Friday afternoon it looked like Salif Keita's band (a mixture of Malians and French) was going to work without its leader. Somebody, it seems, had applied for work permits for the

Paris. In the boiler room, Pam Esterson decided to call her father's friend who works in the British Embassy in Washington. Around 7 p.m. London time, Washington called immigration officials at Heathrow and a special working permit was granted to Salif Keita, the man who has been called "the golden voice of

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Saudis use arms deals to diversify economy

RIYADH (AP) — Saudi Arabia, aiming to diversify its oil-based economy, is using big arms deals with American, British and French companies to secure high-tech investments worth billions of dollars.

(BITG).

The offset programme figured tive about offset agreements. prominently in a five-nation European tour in May be the Saudi defence minister, Prince Sultan.

"The kingdom will apply the economic offset scheme to all its military deals," Sultan, third in line to the Saudi throne, stressed

He first stated in 1984 that roughly one-third of the value of any arms deal should be diverted back into joint ventures to build up a technological base aimed at lessening economic dependence

The Saudis, who control the world's largest oil reserves, spend an average of \$4 billion a year on arms, one of the highest amounts in the developing world.

The Americans and British are already committed to major offset programmes. The French are expected to follow.

"We're going to start an economic offset programme with France ... and more important, it will be related to previous projects that have not been fully paid for as yet, as well as future ones,"

Sultan said last March. The French have deals worth about \$8 billion, half of it for Crotale surface-to-air missiles.

Sultan concluded a new deal in Paris for Mistral surface-to-air missiles, reportedly valued at \$2.7 billion, during his recent European swing.

The Americans, who have been losing their traditional role as the Saudis' main arms supplier because of pro-Israeli lobbying in Congress, are the most coopera-

Four American 'peace shield' offset projects are scheduled to commence soon, said Claus Claesson, president of the Boeing Industrial Technology Group

Three companies will do maintenance work on the five U.S.-supplied airborne warning and control systems (AWACS) aircraft sold to the Saudis by Boeing seven years ago.

The programme also entails construction of a ground command and communications systems for the Saudi air force, including the five AWACS. The overall bill exceeds \$8 billion.

The offset project is part of the \$1.2 billion contract awarded five years ago to a Boeing-led consortium that also includes Westinghouse, ITT, United Support and Services Co., an American-Saudi joint venture, and the Saudi Amoudi Group.

The companies agreed to invest the equivalent of 35 per cent of the technical component in Saudi high-tech ventures. BITG was created to oversee the programme.

"We're encouraged to invest in an environment which leads you to hope you'll experience a reasonable return and remain here a

long time," Claesson said. Ownership of three companies, the Al Salem Aircraft Company. the International Systems Engineering Computer Centre, and the Advanced Electronics Centre. is evenly split between BITG and Saudi partners.

All of the companies' top ex-

ecutives are Saudi, although the consortium partners are provid-

ing management support.

The fourth company, Aircraft Accessories Co., is 50 per cent Saudi owned, with Britain's Dowty Co. taking a 30 per cent stake and BITG 20 per cent.

"They're now finalising a contract to begin work overhauling Royal Saudi Air Force mechanical components," Claesson said. G.E., which is providing the radar equipment for peace shield.

is spearheading the creation of the Middle East propulsion centre to overhaul and repair jet engines for civilian and military

Among future projects under consideration are a helicopter factory and a digital communications venture.

Eventually, all U.S. offset companies will be situated at a high-tech industrial park specialising in aerospace products and services at Riyadh's King Khaled International Airport. Critics believe that Saudi Ara-

bia will have trouble absorbing the offset investment dollars it is working so hard to attract.

Diplomatic sources said there are fears that the most viable projects have been snapped up. Still, others regard the kingdom's commitment to offset as a practical way to achieve economic diversification.

"It's exactly what they should be doing, Claesson said. All eyes are now on the British,

who clinched two deals worth \$25.5 billion in 1985 and 1988 for Panavia Tornado jet fighters, British Aerospace Hawk trainer jets and Pilatus P.C.-9 propellordriven trainers, plus other weapons, naval vessels and military construction projects.

John Hasltine of the Institute

for International Finance, which

represents U.S. and foreign com-

mercial banks, said banks look

forward to any plan that fosters

greater cooperation among len-

ders, debtors, creditor govern-

ments and international agencies.

But he said it was unclear to

what extent participation by the

banks will be voluntary, an im-

portant feature if banks are to

remain willing to continue lend-

insured debt "senior" status to

ing banks from being "free rid-

ers." Thus, banks that didn't go

along with debt reduction would

be the first lose money in the

Brady said, in another remark,

that President George Bush will

not propose any broad new initia-

tives to change international eco-

nomic coordination when he

attends his first economic summit

the value of the dollar, Brady said

the administration was satisfied with how the United States and

its major allies were cooperating

in managing the global economy.

He said there was no reason to

Despite the recent volatility in

later this week in Paris.

furnished kitchen.

make changes.

The Seidman plan would give

ing to debtors.

event of a default.



Prince Sultan

The British offset commitmment is reported to total around \$2 billion.

But where the Americans are contractually bound to participate in offset programmes, the British only made a "gentleman's agreement" after the deals were signed to encourage British companies to invest in Saudi Arabia.

There was no formal agreement until last November, when Sultan and British Defence Secretary George Younger signed a "memorandum of understanding" establishing offset offices to encourage joint ven-

Still, the British are moving ahead. Offset seminars have been held in London and Jeddah.

Unlike the Americans, the British are being allowed to invest outside the high-tech sector and any British company, not just the military contractors, can participate.

The British have submitted their first project proposals, a missile engineering facility by British Aerospace and Dowty and an aluminum smelting plant in the Red Sea industrial city of Yanbu.

The smelter would only involve British investment in the project, not manpower or technology transfer. Informed sources expect the Saudis to respond to the proposals soon

Japan to more than double aid plan, help debtor nations

day it would more than double the cash it is recycling from its huge trade surpluses into aid for needy countries and spend some of the \$65 billion on a U.S. plan to ease Third World debt.

Tokyo will also extend the programme, increased from \$30 billion originally, over five years to 1992 instead of three years ending in 1990, finance ministry officials told reporters.

They said the new package is designed to recycle Japan's buge external surpluses to developing nations and to support an initiative by U.S. Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady to belp slash Third World debt.

Prime Minister Sosuke Uno is expected formally to unveil the programme during the seven-nation economic summit beginning

"I sincerely hope that Japan's plan. But now the bank will put

ties of developing countries." be said in a statement.

Of the extra \$35 billion, \$13.5 billion will be loaned by the Export-Import Bank of Japan, \$7 billion will be used for low-interest loans by the government's Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) and \$14.5 billion will take the form of contributions to international organisa-

More than \$10 billion of the extra cash will be used to support the Brady debt plan, the ministry

Last April, Japan said the Export-Import Bank would provide \$4.5 billion in parallel lendings with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to back up the Brady

expanded capital recycling prog-ramme will further contribute to financing scheme with the World ease the socio-economic difficul-Bank, the officials said.

In addition, the OECF is ready to provide \$2 billion to debtor veloping countries that come under the Brady plan. This will be provided either bilaterally or in the form of joint loans with the World Bank and other development banks, they said.

Under this framework, Japan now will formally extend to Mexico a total of \$2.05 billion, comprising \$1 billion from the Export-Import Bank in parallel loans with the IMF and \$1.05 billion in a co-financing with the World Bank, the officials said.

This financing, which has already been informally promised, depends on whether Mexico finalises a debt reduction package with its commercial bank creditors, they said.

To encourage further the Brady plan, the finance ministry intends to provide necessary tax breaks to participating Japanese commercial banks, the officials said. They declined to give de-

They said that of the \$7 billion in OECF loans, some \$500 million will be targetted specifically for environmental protection in

developing countries. Since the current \$30 billion recycling programme began in 1987, about 94 per cent of the total has been committed to specific uses, and some 47 per cent of this has been disbursed, they

"However, the flow of capital to the developing countries from the industrial countries is still slack... Japan's new capital recycling programme is a positive response to this challenge." Uno said in the statement.

Strike cripples dozens of British ports

LONDON (R) — British dockers, in a showdown over jobs, began an indefinite strike Tuesday, crippling dozens of ports which handle almost half of Britain's trade.

Union officials said the action brought London and Bristol. docks to a standstill but it was ignored at some ports, which continued to work normally.

The strike was called by the huge Transport and General Workers Union (TGWU) at 60 ports where the government has ended a dock labour scheme guaranteeing 9,400 workers jobs

Port employers rejected union demands to negotiate a new national agreement covering the ports and said all pay and other bargaining would in future be conducted locally.

They said 18 of the ports in the scheme did not join the strike and that 1,400 men had applied for retirement pay-offs worth up to £35.000 (\$56,500). Union leaders warned the

strike could last six months but Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson said it would have no effect on the economy.

Arrangements have been made to divert some imports and exports to 40 non-scheme ports which are not involved in the dispute, and employers hoped to reach local deals with dockers at court battle for the right to strike.

other ports' controlled by the TGWU.

The government counts on a defeat for the dockers to smash the TGWU's power to stage national strikes in the ports, which have been traditional seats of industrial militancy.

The dockers won two major stoppages in 1984 during an earlier challenge to their jobs-for-life scheme which has been blamed for preventing modernisation of

the docks. As a result of legislation to curb union power during Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's decade in power, the TGWU this time had to fight a three-month

Unofficial dock strikes led by local officials last month collapsed after 12 days.

Industry sources said a long stoppage could affect the movement of cars, containers, newsprint, timber, grain, animal foods, iron ore, minerals and perishable fruit.

Newspapers and opposition politicians portrayed the strike as part of a "summer of discontent" in Britain over government handing of the economy and attempts to hold down pay rises and attack national pay bargaining.

Workers in public sector industries are fighting pay offers worth

Brady rejects Seidman plan to cut Third World debt

ary Secretary Nicholas Brady wionday spurned a proposal from a top U.S. bank regulator to create a new international insurence fund that would partially protect banks against defaults by

Third World debtors. 'We don't think that is necessary at this point in time," Brady

said in a briefing with reporters. Brady did not completely rule out the idea, offered by Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Chairman L. William Seidman, saying, "we do want to have a

But, he said the Group of Seven, the world's seven largest industrial powers, had previously rejected the creation of a new international organisation to deal with the intractable debt problem.

"It has been thought about before and not seen to be as good

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Brady said. The treasury secretary in

March proposed a new approach to easing the \$1.3 trillion debt burden carried by developing countries. In a break with his predecessor, James Baker, Brady called for voluntary negotiations between banks and borrowing nations to reduce the debt load. Baker, now secretary of state, had emphasised new lending over . debt reduction.

Seidman, in an interview Monday, said his proposal would comproviding banks with an incentive to participate.

"I think it enhances the Brady plan by providing an additional mechanism to handle not only current debt reduction but future loans," he said. In a 10-page outline of the plan

delivered to the Treasury Department and White House, Seidman said the international debt insurer would encourage banks to reduce debt burdens to "reasonable levels" by providing a partial guarantee of the remaining debt. Banks would still be at risk of losing some of the loan, but the greater part would be insured by

the new international agency. The agency would draw its money from premiums paid by participating banks and through a contribution from the International Monetary Fund the World Bank, and possibly the governments of the creditor banks. The plan also seeks to start new money flowing to troubled debtors by insuring new loans to countries that enact economic reforms.

Lufthansa

U.S. considers new energy policy approach

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Energy Department is preparing a new strategy to win public acceptance of expanded nuclear power, more oil exploration and other energy goals pursued -- but never attained — by past admi-

Those who formulated the plan say it will rest on a foundation of figures compiled by computer to spell out how much energy the nation will need, where to get it. what it will cost, and how it will affect the environment. "They've never done that be-

fore," Henson Moore, deputy energy secretary, said in an interunderpinning of energy policy have been overly vulnerable to public challenge. "Our credibility is not what it

ought to be because we've not really done this right in the past," he said, adding that the department wants to set a "credibility standard" that will be accepted by energy producers and consumer alike.

Scientists from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California, will design the computer programmes. A special panel of the National Academy of Sciences has agreed to review the results and the final analysis, Moore said.

"We will have something that's generally recognised as... not

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being slanted," said Moore, a former congressman from Louisiana who wanted to be President George Bush's energy secretary but was persuaded to take the no. 2 job.

Moore said details of the new approach will be announced before the end of July, although the energy policy eventually developed from the data base likely won't be ready for at least another year. He said the department probably will hold public hearings this fall on policy op-

Calls for a new national energy policy have intensified amid increased public attention to prospects for a renewed oil squeeze caused by falling U.S. production and rising consumption, and a possible electricity crisis in the

When he took over as energy secretary in March, James Watkins said he was surprised to see that while past administrations produced mountains of studies and analyses of the energy problem, none mapped out a way of

Watkins ordered the department to develop an "action plan" based on a consistent body of facts about all aspects of the energy picture, including the environment. Once armed, the department will stand a better chance of overcoming opposition to nuclear power and other Bush energy priorities, Moore said.

Philippines seeks help to launch German-style economic recovery

BONN (AP)— Philippine President Corazon Aquino Tuesday met with West Germany's minister of Economic Development to discuss boosting trade between the world's largest exporting nation and the troubled Philippine

Aquino, who arrived in West Germany Sunday, has been assured by West German leaders during her three-day visit that interest is high in improving trade and investment between the two Aquino, who is on a weeklong,

who assured her that ties between the Philippines and West Ger- away inflation and devaluation as many would be strengthened as a Germany in the light of her own result of her trip. Weizsaecker emphasised that a she told the meeting in Bonn. barrier-free market in the European Community planned for 1992 would not lock out trade

ident Richard Von Weizsaecker,

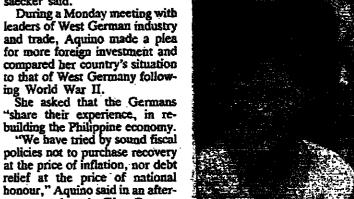
with other countries. "Europe is therefore also for the Philippines a rich prospective market for the future," WeizDuring a Monday meeting with

leaders of West German industry and trade, Aquino made a plea for more foreign investment and compared her country's situation to that of West Germany following World War II. She asked that the Germans

"share their experience, in rebuilding the Philippine economy. "We have tried by sound fiscal policies not to purchase recovery

relief at the price of national honour," Aquino said in an afterthree-nation European trip, met noon speech to the West German Monday with West German Pres- chamber of industry and trade. "We have paid as careful attention to the consequences of run-

> experiences between the wars." While admitting the country's debt was projected to increase to \$29 billion by year's end, Aquino said that much of Ithe debt was represented by money that "was in fact stolen by the previous



Corszon Aquino

She said that since her government took over in 1986, the country's growth rate had improved markedly from minus 10 per cent under Marcos in 1985 to a plus

6.7 per cent rate by 1988. What we need to complete the equation are two elements essential to the German recovery - debt relief and investments, Aquino said.

BAT gets £13b offer

ase ever.

group including financier Sir James Goldsmith Tuesday launched a surprise £13 billion (\$21 billion) offer for BAT Industries

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LONDON (AP) - An investor PLC in what would be Britain's

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biggest-ever takeover. If successful, it would put British takeovers into the big league, nearing last year's \$25 billion buyout of RJR Nabisco Inc. by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Co., the largest company purch-

The investor group, called Hoylake Investments PLC, also includes financiers Jacob Rothschild, a Briton, and Kerry Packer of Australia. The offer values each BAT

share at 850 pence (\$13.86). BAT had no immediate comment, said spokesman Michael

The investment group owns approximately 19.1 million BAT shares, which is about 1.25 per cent of the company's stock.

Hoylake said it intended to restructure the company, including selling Farmers Insurance Group Inc. of Los Angeles, which BAT acquired for \$5.2

billion in cash last year following a protracted takeover battle. In addition to tobacco and financial services, BAT has interests in retailing. It operates Saks Fifth Avenue and Marshall Field's stores. Its cigarette brands the British gold mining group.

include Kool, Viceroy and 🝃 Barciay.

Its principal subsidiary in the United States is Louisville, Kentucky-based Batns Inc. "It is not an essential part of the case for the offer to criticise BAT's managers for Ithe quality of the business acquired," the announcement said. "The principal criticism is aimed at BAT's

broad strategy. Hoylake considers it a mistake to make BAT a conglomerate." BAT had after-tax profit of £949 million (\$1.55 billion) on revenue of £17.7 billion (\$28.9 billion) in its most recent fiscal

year, ended March 31. Investors in Hoylake, a subsidiary of Anglo Group PLC, are General Oriental Investments Ltd., a company headed by Goldsmith, one of Britain's wealthiest investors, as well as subsidiaries of J. Rothschilds Holdings PLC and of Consolidated Press Holdings, a company owned by

Packer. The biggest British takeover has been British conglomerate Hanson PLC's recently accepted £3.5 billion (\$5.7 billion) offer for Consolidated Gold Fields PLC;

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Ghanems win bridge itle in Cairo

In the Asia and Middle East ridge championships last month ith an impressive display of constency, Marwan and Ghassan hanem, from Jordan, won the nal of the Open Paris by a little ore than one board (5.21%) read of T. Shanmugalingam and nitz Perera from Sri Lanka. hird were Masood Salim and ia Mahmood.

The leaders into the final seson were Iftikhar Baqai and Jan-Alam Fazli. However, Fazli ad fallen ill during the session, ad a substitute had to play in his ace. An under-average session w them drop to seventh,

The home country Egypt did ell in filling fourth, fifth and xth places. The Ghanem brothers, who

ill both be playing in the Open eams, felt they won primarily scause they bid and defended ell. It was a particularly im-ressive performance because iere was no carryover from the vo qualifying sessions.

Johnston oins Rangers

LASGOW, Scotland (AP) lo Johnston, the striker who has d Scotland toward a spot in the 'orld Cup finals, signed Monday play for Glasgow Rangers less an two months after agreeing to in crosstown rival Celtic.

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

NORTH

♦ 35 -

♦ A 10 9

♦ KQJ

Opening lead: Four of 🛡

It might have looked as if declarer

was engaged in an act of charity. In

truth, he was simply making sure all his cards worked for him.

bid was in keeping with modern the-ory, which permits a concealed five-

card major if the hand is balanced

and contains stoppers in at least three suits. We heartily endorse North's decision to bid the game in

no trump. Even though he had a

six-card minor suit, his hand was

balanced and nine tricks rated to be

easier to make than 11.

South's one no trump opening

★ K 10 4

♣ K Q 9 6 5 3

EAST

North East 3 NT Pass

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

GOREN BRIDGE

MAKE SURE OF YOUR ENTRIES

good clubs.



High flier:... Briton John Pendry soars over the Isle of Wight last week as he prepares to try and regain the world hand-gliding championship he held from

1985 to 1987. The championships began in Switzerland earlier this week.

Soviets take foil title

DENVER (AP) — Dmitry women will compete in the world Chevtchenkov recorded four victories Monday night, the last a 5-1 win over 1989 gold medallist women's team foil event Sunday Alexander Koch to give the Soviet Union a 9-7 triumph over West Germany for the team foil title at the World Fencing Cham-

Chevtchenkov's teammate, five-time world champion Alexander Romankov, collected three victories to help the Soviet effort. The victory for the Soviets was a duplicate of the final round in the 1988 Olympic team foil competition at Seoul.

Earlier in the week, the Soviets won the women's foil title and the

saber championship.

Tuesday night, the individual women's epee competition is scheduled at Boettcher Concert hall, the first time ever that

West led his fourth-best heart.

Declarer won in hand and led the eight of clubs. West covered with the ten; but declarer graciously al-

lowed him to win the trick! No mat-

control. He won the heart continua

tion, led a club to the queen to force

out the ace, and the ace of diamonds

was the entry to the table to run the

declarer needed only three from clubs to fulfill his contract, and his

play was designed to cater for just that. He was safe on any 3-2 break.

look what would have happened

had declarer put up a club honor on the first lead of the suit. When East

refuses to win the trick, the club suit

is shut out completely. As the cards lie, declarer would lack the neces-

sary dummy entries to set up and run the clubs, because only the ace

of diamonds would fill that need.

If declarer needed five tricks from

clubs, his only chance was to lead

twice toward dummy and hope that

West held the ace, guarded no more

than twice. Since he required fewer he could afford the luxury of coun-

tering an enemy hold-up play by preserving his club honors and so

forcing them to win.

To appreciate his carefulness,

With six tricks in the red suits,

women's team foil event Sunday night. Earlier Monday, France defeated Italy for the bronze

Germany and Cuba rounded out the top six places. Chevtchenkov opened the team competition with a 5-4 victory over Thomas Endres but the West German team came back with two successive victories before Romankov rallied them with a 5-2 victory over another former world champion, Mathias Gey in

medal in the team foil and East

ing masters. The two teams then battled on an even basis and were deadlocked with three victories each when Romankov, 37, defeated Koch, 20. in a 5-2 bout. That put the Soviets ahead again. But Gey came back to beat Ilgar Mame-

a classic bout between two fenc-

dov, 5-3, to tie it again. Serguei Goloubitski entered the competition to defeat Thorsten Weidner, 5-3, to put the Soviets ahead for good.

Spaniards sweep mountain stage

CAUTERETS, France (R) -Miguel Indurain led a Spanish sweep of the top three places as the Tour De France switched from the plains to the mountains Monday.

Indurain launched a solo effort to win the ninth stage of 147 kms from Pau through three daunting mountain passes in the Pyrenees. He finished 26 seconds ahead of Anselmo Fuerte and one minute 28 seconds ahead of last year's winner Pedro Delgado. who launched a powerful attack to leave the main pack on the

climb to Cauterets near the Spanish border. But race leaders Greg Lemond of the United States and Frenchman Laurent Fignon limited the damage to 27 seconds.

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 1989.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Sensual appetites are strong and impulsive. Expect the party animals to be on the prowl tonight. Many folks who are looking to get caught

will join in the primetime frolics. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Actions by an unruly family member can be reconciled. Appreciation or an outright gift comes from some-

one you have helped.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20 An overactive schedule cuts into family time. Lonar position favors family relationships and the ability to resolve procedures that clash. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Articulate your feelings — share ex-periences with loved ones. Move joy the fruits of your efforts more. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) You are inspired, and your self-esteem has never been higher.

Focus on self-enlightenment, devo-tion and spiritual awareness.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Career matters interfers with your ability to get other matters concluded. Your employer, however, realizes your value. Slow down.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You could have the travel adventure of lifetime if you start planning for it now. Do your own research before consulting others. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Negative attitudes are selfdefeating and can hold you back. Learn your limitations and build up

THE Daily Crossword by Frank Goary

your strong points. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Relationshipe take on a new vitality. Bonds are deepened and love is strengthened. Add some dazzle to your social life this evening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec.

21) Take a closer look at your emotional response to minor irritations. Learn to accept them as temporary

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) If you look for bad news, you will surely find it. This will smother an otherwise upbeat day. Concentrate on your own strength of character. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Your philosophies regarding your self-improvement are qualities to try to attain. Periodically examine

the results of your actions. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Intuition is enhanced today. If you haven't learned how to work with intuition, you are missing your most creative quality.

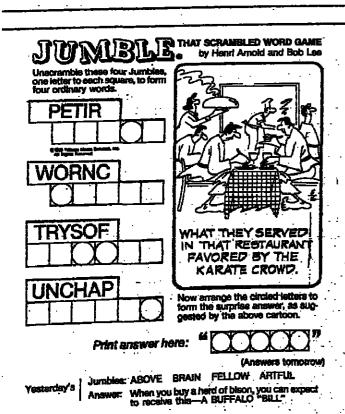
If Your Child Is Born Today

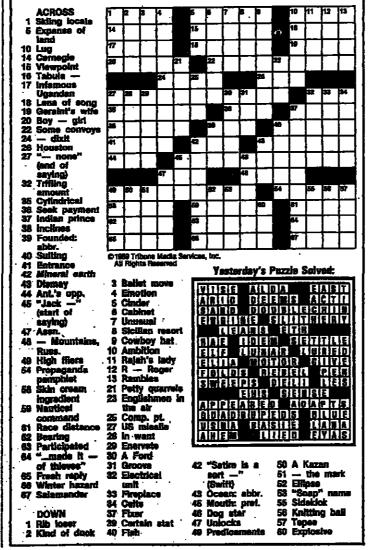
He or she will have insight, be curious, expansive, and at times bold. Your son or daughter will be romantic, idealistic, sensual, and give great importance to how he or ahe feels emotionally. Talents can be applied to the military, investigations, and the sciences.

"The Stars impel; they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!
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THE BETTER HALF By Harris HARRIS 7-18

Thumb aerobics is the only workout I can stick with.





Becker and Graf: childhood sparring partners and fellow champions

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)

They grew up six miles (10 kilometres) apart in West Germany, played tennis together as children and became national heroes in their teens. Now Boris Becker and Steffi Graf have something else in common —

1989 Wimbledon championships. Becker won his third Wimbledon men's title Graf captured her second consecutive women's crown for the first German donble of the tournament's 112-year

history. Becker said it will take a long time for his countrymen to appreciate the achievement.

"I think they are going to realise that when we're not playing anymore," he said. "Now it's so brand new and so impossible to think of, that something like this can happen.

"Only when we are both grand-father and grandmother will peo-ple realise what we have achieved."

Graf just turned 20 last month and Becker is only a year and a half older, so grandparenting is a long way off. Not so remote is the

possibility of another German sweep next year at the All Eng-

With Chris Evert apparently gone for good from the grass courts and eight-time champion Martina Navratilova clearly past her prime, Graf appears to have a good chance of winning many

more titles at Wimbledon. The same is true for Becker, who has played in four of the last five men's finals. On centre court, the most famous tennis turf in the world, Becker has won 17 matches and lost only once, to Stefan Edberg in last year's final. Becker avenged that defeat

Sunday with an overpowering 6-0, 7-6, 6-4 victory over Edberg, while Graf downed Navratilova for the second straight year in the women's title match, 6-2, 6-7,

But Becker is cautious about predicting a repeat in 1990. "It may not ever happen again," he said. "It depends more

on me than on her."
When Becker and Graf were growing up in neighbouring towns in central Germany, they

practiced together.

"I used to be the worst in the boys and she used to be the best in the girls, so when I was maybe nine and she was seven I had to hit with her all the time," Becker said. "From then on we more or less went through the same tournaments and matches, and we kept a relationship."

That closeness was evident after they won Sunday. They hugged, posed for side-by-side pictures that were splashed across the front pages of London's newspapers the following morning, and danced together at the champions' ball in the city's fanciest

"In the last two or three weeks. we got together more than we've ever been," Becker said. "It's really a very special rela-

Both Becker and Graf seemed to savor their latest Wimbledon victories more than their previous

like a fairy tale. I didn't know

'The early victories were more

SECOND RACE 4.30

FOR BEGINNER HORSES

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I had to work much harder than I ever had, so I feel in a way much more proud now than in my early

> Graf also worked especially hard after losing the French Open final to 17-year-old Arantxa Sanchez. Criticised in the past for her cool demeanor, Graf broke down and cried after beating Navrati-

> "I wanted it so badly that I put a little more pressure on myself than usual," she said. "It was an

> overwhelming feeling." The twin triumphs set off celebrations in West Germany. where newspapers ran front-page pictures and articles praising the Wimbledon champions.

But many West Germans couldn't watch the victories live because a dispute over television rights fees.

When the two public networks balked at paying increased fees for the Wimbledon broadcasts. the rights were sold to a private cable television station that what I was doing," Becker said.
"Over the last two or three years many's 25 million households.

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4- Mashhour Faisal A. Jnaib

9- Mancour Anwar Shalan

10- Fawaz Anwar Elshalan 13- Abdullah El Dawoud

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5- Mohammad Khalid El Faiez

6- H.H. Late Sherif Nasir Stable

2- Aly Fareed El Saad

4- Naif Anwar Elshalan

7- Najla Wasif Beharat

9- Nimir El Hmoud

FOURTH RACE 5.30

FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES

DISTANCE 1400 METRES

2-Salim Ali Rabaiah

7- Nimir El Hmoud

8- Nimer El Hmoud

FIRST RACE 4.00 FOR BEGINNER HORSES

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- Ghalib El Adwan	A. Eighoar	Owner	Yousel	54.5	
- Sailh M. El Adwan	N. Ahmad	Owner	Jibarat	54.5	
- Abduliah Ahmad Awad	D.Amjad	Owner	Sameeh	54.5	
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3- A El Fattah El Natshih	Lina	Owner	Anwar	48.5	
4- Sadam Hussein Fokara	Aizieb	Owner		51.5	
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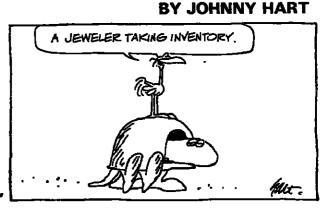
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3- Ghalib Haddadin	ElTamoh	Owner	Ibrahim	59
4- Mansour Anwar Elshalan	Mazioun	Mohsin	George	58
5- Aly Fareed El Saad 6- Aly Fareed El Saad	Sary Saadaly	Khaireldin Khaireldin		58 53
7- Fawaz Anwar El Shalan	Abshir	Zaidan	Kasim	50
8- Samy Haddadin	Saiek	Owner	Hussein	53

Peanuts









Andy Capp









1,000 Sinhalese held in Sri Lankan sweep

CCOLOMBO (AP) — Troops have arrested 1,000 suspected Sinhalese extremists during raids on insurgent hideouts in the capital and three central districts, the government said Tuesday.

The troops recovered land mines, guns, ammunition and military uniforms during the raids Sunday and Monday, an Information Department statement said.

A short-wave bank radio transmitter also was confiscated in the southern Hungama town, 135 kilometres south of Colombo, the statement said.

Besides Colombo, the operations were carried ut in the districts of Badulla, Kandy and Moneragala, it said. The suspects were detained for questioning, it said. No further details were

The raids were part of a government crackdown on members of the left-wing People's Libera-tion Front, who have been fighting to topple President Ranasing-

he Premadasa's government.
The Front is also believed to

Britain's

best known

dead at 82

actor, Olivier,

LONDON (Agencies) — Laurence Olivier, Britain's best known

ector of the 20th century, died on

Tuesday aged 82, his agent said.

six decades, said two years ago

that be had beaten cancer and a

He was taken to hospital several

Olivier dominated the British

stage for several decades. He

appeared in 121 stage roles, 58 films and won two Academy

He was hailed as a supreme

interpreter of Shakespeare and

critics described his portrayal of

Agent Laurence Evans said Oli-

'He was the greatest actor in

vier died in his sleep surrounded

his lifetime in my opinion. His like

will not be seen again," Evans

Olivier, awarded a knighthood in 1947 and a peerage in 1970, was

equally at home on the Shakespea-

rean stage and playing character

roles in popular Hollywood films

such as "Marathon Man" in 1975

and a remake of "The Jazz Sin-

tragic parts," Olivier once said.

in May 1987, his agent announced

tivat Olivier would no longer

his voice to a campaign by Bri-

tain's leading actors to save the

remains of London's Rose

Theatre, where Shakespeare is

appear on film or television.

'They cost too much."

believed to have acted.

"I never really enjoyed the

In the week of his 80th birthday

But in recent mouths, he lent

ger'' in 1980.

times in the past year after under-

series of other illnesses.

going kidney surgery.

Othello as the greatest.

by family and friends.

Awards.

Olivier, whose career spanned

have sponsored a crippling trans-port workers strike that started June 12 and has continued despite government's appeals and threats to dismissal.

But Transport Minister Wijepala Mendis said Monday that the strike by the 40,000 workers of the state-owned public transport company had been broken. He said "a fair percentage" of

workers had reported for duty

after the government announced that strikers would be arrested. In an attempt to crush civil unrest. Premadasa imposed a nationwide state of emergency June 20, giving security forces wide powers to arrest and detain

without legal obligations. On Thursday, the government said it had ordered troops and posters. A news censorship was bitter row between India and Sri also imposed the same day. The Sinhalese extremists began

their anti-government campaign two years ago to protest peace overtures made to Tamil rebels who want to set up an independent nation in northeast Sri

The militants said too many concessions were being given to the minority Tamils. They also protested the presence of Indian troops, invited to break the Tamil rebellion, saying it compromised the country's independence.

Tamils comprise 18 per cent of Sri Lanka's 16 million people and demand a separate nation, alleging discrimination in jobs and education by the Sinhalese who constitute 75 per cent of the population and control the government and the military.

Gandhi to send envoy

Lanka over a schedule for the complete puliout of Indian troops

from the island.
An External Affairs Ministry spokesman said Gandhi's Principal Secretary B.G. Deshmukh, will carry a letter to Premadasa. The spokesman did not disclose the contents of the letter, latest in a series of moves by India and Sri Lanka to resolve a

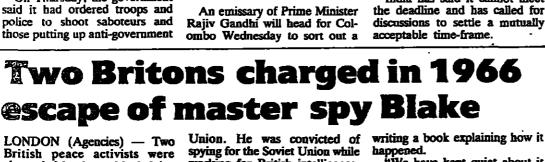
dispute that is severely straining their relations. The letter will be Gandhi's third. Premadasa has sent two letters spelling out his demand that July 31 be the deadline for a complete pullout of the 45,000-

force (IPKF).

The IPKF was sent two years ago to the island under peace accord between India and Sri Lanka designed to disarm Tamil

member Indian peace-keeping

India has said it cannot meet the deadline and has called for discussions to settle a mutually



charged Monday with helping one of Britain's most notorious double-agents escape from a London jail more than 20 years ago.
In a breakout that shocked

Britain, Soviet master spy George Blake scrambled over a rope ladder to freedom in 1966 after serving five years in Wormwood Scrubs prison. He eventually reached the Soviet Union. Michael Randle and Patrick Pottle appeared briefly in Bow street magistrates court and were

ordered to reappear Aug. 7. Both men were charged with helping Blake escape, with conspiring to harbour him and with conspiring to prevent him being taken back into custody.

Blake, now 65, is the only major surviving British doubleagent known to be in the Soviet

evidence.

away at the time.

final arguments Monday.

Lilieros said.

STOCKHOLM (AP) — The man accused of killing Prime Minister Olof Palme proclaimed his

innocence again Monday but a court rejected a

defence plea that he be freed for lack of

Christer Pettersson is accused of shooting

Palme as the prime minister was walking home

after seeing a movie with his wife, Lisbeth, Feb.

The 42-year-old defendant, asked for a final

statement, ended it saying "my name is Christer

Pettersson and I did not kill Olof Palme. That is

for the moment the only happy thing in this

Mrs. Palme identified Petterson in court as the

man she saw a few metres away immediately after

her husband fell with a fatal gunshot wound in

the back. Pettersson said he was 30 kilometres

The court, adjourning the trial after five weeks,

said it would announce Thursday the date when it

will pronounce a verdict. It rejected a defence

"It must simply not happen that an innocent

person is sentenced... and that we have a miscarriage of justice," defence counsel Arne

Liljeros told the Stockholm district court during

Liljeros said there was no evidence to support

what he called the unreliable testimony of Mrs.

Palme and five other witnesses who said they saw

Pettersson at or near the scene of the shooting.

fingerprints, now any trace of gunpowder stains on Pettersson's clothes to link him to the crime,

The prosecution had no murder weapon, no

Petterrson was being tried by a tribunal of two

judges and six jurors, all of whom have an equal.

vote on the verdict. A majority vote is sufficient.

Pettersson faces a possible life sentence, but in

Liljeros denounced Mrs. Palme for what he

said was her lack of cooperation during the

practice all life sentences are commuted to less

demand for Pettersson's immediate release.

spying for the Soviet Union while working for British intelligence, and sentenced in 1962 to 42 years

what go happened.

"We have kept quiet about its for 22 years but we were publicly

He escaped from the top-security wing of Wormwood Scrubs prison Oct. 22, 1966. Neither Randle nor Pottle

spoke during their court hearing, but their lawyer Benedict Birn-berg said: "My clients have asked me to say that, although they admit their involvement in the escape of George Blake, they will be contesting the charges. "They intend to expose what

they consider to be the cruel and inhuman sentence passed on George Blake and the dangers to services in Britain."

Police reopened their 23-year-Randle and Pottle said they were Soviet Union.

Palme murder trial ends

named in parliament and it was that which forced us to say "yes, we did it'," Pottle said.

Randle said Blake, alleged to have betrayed more than 40 British agents in Eastern Europe while working for Britain's MI6 intelligence-gathering network, was only doing for Moscow what he had been trained to do for

"The Blake Escape: How We Freed George Blake - and Why," was published in April, and describes how they hid him in democracy posed by the security a north London apartment for two months and smuggled him out of Britain to East Germany, old investigation in January after where he made his way into the

investigation and for setting conditions for her appearance in court. He also criticised the court

court," Liljeros complained. "Her rigid demands

and lack of respect for normal practice in this

case (should) disqualify her evidence," he said.

manded that Pettersson be removed from the

courtroom while she testified and that her testi-

mony not be recorded on tape. The court

rejected her demand that she testify behind

Pettersson was brought into the courtroom at

the end of her testimony for her identification.

She said she was certain he was the man she saw

when she looked up for help as her husband was

The attorney read from a psychologist's report drawn up on his request questioning the reliabil-

ity of accounts by witnesses more than three

to a defence witness, Algot Asell, who claimed

he saw Pettersson at a suburban train station

about the time of the shooting and was the only

Pettersson testified he was in town that night to

get a supply of drugs. On the way home he fell

asleep and missed his regular stop. His late

arrival home was cited by the prosecution as

showing that he had time to commit the murder.

appeared to be organised and politically moti-

vated, not the spontaneous act of a criminal as

The prosecution built its case on a series of

"coincidences which don't happen in real life.

The shot (fired) at Palme was a professional

Although Pettersson ha a long criminal record,

the Palme killing did not fit the pattern of

impulsive violence in response to provocation,

Liljeros reiterated his claim that the killing

witness to support Pettersson's alibi.

He also pleaded with the court to give credence

"There's no excuse for her behaviour here in

for accepting the conditions.

closed doors.

years after the crime.

the prosecution described.

the attorney said.



A scene from the second running of the buils in Pampiona, Spain.

Fifth running of bulls in Pamplona injures 26

PAMPLONA, Spain (AP) — The fifth running of the bulls Tuesday at the weeklong San Fermin Festival slightly injured 26 people, police said.

The bulls ran the onekilometre stretch from the pens to the bull ring in four minutes and 11 seconds as an estimated 1,000 runners raced ahead and beside them.

Two area hospitals treated six Spaniards for cuts and bruises and released them, hospital officials said.

treated at the seven Red Cross to a Red Cross spokesman, who asked not to be identified.

The late American novelist Saturday left a Spanish man with

Ernest Hemingway's 1926 novel, "The Sun Also Rises," made the festival famous with his description of the rowdy, round-theclock festival that awakens with

the morning runs of the bulls.

The festival is held annually from July 6-14 in honour of San Fermin, the patron saint of Pamplona, the capital of the autonomous northern Navarre region.

The bull runs that started Friday take place every day at 8 a.m. (0600 GMT) and each evening matadors fight and kill the six-The rest of the injured were bulls that were run into the bull ring that morning.

The second running of the bulls

a serious horn injury to the face and 41 others slightly injured. A bull that strayed from the group seriously injured Luis Sanchez Becerro, 33, of Pampiona, Navarre hospital spokesman Dr.

Manuel Garcia said.

During the festival the city's 200,000 population doubles due to the thousands of tourists and enthusiasts it attracts from countries all over the world.

The festival has been held continuously since 1591, although it began in 1394 but was halted because of plagues and wars.

Since 1591 bulls have gored 52 people to death, 13 of the them since 1924, according to city re-

Speculation rife over Papandreou wedding

ATHENS (AP) - Athens news- the Socialist leaders's failure to papers speculated Monday that win a third term in office. former Premier Andreas Papandreou will wed his 35-year-old girlfriend, Dimitra Liani,

Thursday. "Our excellent source insists the expected wedding will take place on Thursday at the Saint Marina church in Ékali," said the

liberal daily Ethnos. Most newspapers agreed on the date but some differed on the church in Ekali where the wedding would take place. The couple lives in the northern Athens

suburb. Papandreou, 70, divorced his American-born wife of 38 years, Margaret, to marry the former Olympic Airways stewardess. The divorce was finalised three days before the June 18 general

elections. Papandreou's open affair with Liani and a series of banking and financial scandals contributed to Three has been no official.

announcement on the wedding. It was expected to take place soon after the elections but was apparently delayed by Papandreou's sudden hospitalisation last month for pneumonia and kidney failure. He has since recovered. Liani has been accused by the

press of exerting pressure on gov-ernment ministers and of creating a new "court" around the former premier, isolating him from his four grown children and friends.

The wedding rumours have sparked new interest in Papandreou's personal life.

In a half-page article on the expected wedding, the liberal Eleftherotypia said Papandreon had helped design the wedding dress and that it would be a gift to Liani from the fashion house making it.



The couple will spend their honeymoon in the Ionian island of Cephalonia, the paper added. About 30 friends of the couple and 20 journalists will be invited to the wedding but Papandreou's family will not attend, said the left-wing Proti

"The preparations are in the final stage... after the ceremony about 10 carefully selected friends will attend a dinner,"

Andreas Papandreou

Mesopotamia still remembers its lady of mysteries

By John Rice The Associated Press

TDAD — In a little - ick room on the ruins of _ ud, north of Baghdad. ry-looking English-tired each day from Assyrian sun to plot

and murder. us on the archaeological ew the site photographer irs. Mallowan. But the

oks she wrote in the rude attle room bore the name of Agatha Christie. As her archaeologist husband, Sir Max Mallowan. helped chart the dawn of his-

tory in the desert hills. Christie sat among Mesopotamian relics and conjured cases for "Miss Jane Marple" and "Hercule Poirot," the fictional detectives of her mystery novels. Her years at Nimrud, one of the great cities of the Assyrian empire 1400-600 B.C., following World War II capped decades of Middle Eastern travel and archaeological work that left traces scattered throughout her 77 books.

Christie first arrived in the Middle East in 1907, aged 17, for her debutante season in Cairo.

"We spent three months there and I went to five dances every week," she recalled in her 1965 autobiography.

She later set at least two novels in Egypt: "Death on Nile" and "Death Comes as the End," a tale of love and murder in Thebes of 2000 B.C.

A deeper relationship with the area dawned in the 1930s when she took the Orient Express to Turkey and continued on by train and car across the wild Syrian desert to Baghdad.

who she later married. They spent most of the next 20 years bouncing between Britain and archaeological digs in Iraq and

"She was very unpreposses-sing to look at," said Iraqi writer and critic Jabra Ibrahim Jabra, who met her in 1949 and for several years afterward.

"She was a very charming woman to talk to, very attentive... with a dry sense of humour. You wouldn't know she was the great Agatha

Christie." Jabra said she lived with Mallowan in the former home of King Ali, a house on the banks of the Tigris River that makes a cameo appearance in her 1951 spy novel, "They Came to Baghdad."

"There was the persistent honking of motor horns, the

cries of vendors of various wares. There were hot disputes between small groups of peo-ple who seemed ready to murder each other but were really

fast friends," she wrote.

All of that remains true today, although the donkeys, horses and mud-brick homes she describes are rapidly giving way to Brazilian-made Volkswagens and concrete high-

The dusty, bouncing road to Babylon she recounts in that novel is now a smooth

And the "meaningless pile of ruined mud and burnt brick" she found there has been resurrected into a freshly whitewashed reconstruction of King Nebuchandezzar's 6th century B.C. capital.

Baghdad's Rashid Street is still a major downtown

Christie first visited, although some of its fancier buildings have decayed.

The Tigris Palace hotel in which Christie stayed still stands — although she would never recognise the remodelled and cut-rate Ibn Haitham as the graceful hotel that fi-gured in her 1935 book, "Mur-der in Mesopotamia."

British and American expatriates in Baghdad still gather weekly in a play-reading circle that claims Christie as an early member.

Archaeologists at the British expedition office in Baghdad say some of their furnishings are rumoured to have once graced her living room.

Her mud-brick workroom still stands at Nimrud, although it's now used as a

Christie is still remembered at the charming but decrepit Baron's hotel in Aleppo, Syria, where she reportedly worked on several books.

But the owners of the Orient Palace hotel in Damascus, where she stayed on her first visit to the region, did not recall her.

The once-elegant hotel still has the marble floors and dim lights she described. But paint peels from the hallway walls and portraits of Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini peer sternly out from the front windows.

The Orient Palace is now chartered for use by the families of Iranians killed in the war with Iraq who are flown to the Syrian capital on state-paid

The Nabatean ruins at Petra in Jordan, backdrop for "Appointment with Death," are no longer "2 full day's motor run across the desert" from Amman.

But Petra itself -- "as real as - as raw beef" - remains the Jabra said most of Christie's

books are about "the English in a foreign country" and had little to do with the locals. "Her geographical descriptions are quite good, but her contact with Iraqis was limited," he said.

But he added she was "very well liked by Iraqis who knew her." Christie returned that affection in her autobiography. "How much I have loved that part of the world," she

wrote. "I love it still and I

always shall."

Wallpaper' recalls gangster era

CHICAGO (AP) - Al Wolf CHICAGO (AP) — Al Wolff, the sole surviving member of the so-called untouchables in the biguine gaugster era, said Al Capone once asked him to join his gang. In an interview in Sanday's Chicago Sun-Times, the solyear-old former lawnan said he was on vacation in Hot Springs... was on vacation in riot springs.

Arkansas, when Capone spotted him. "I can remember this sq. clearly: Capone walking up to ask me if I was Wallpaper", "rocaled Wolff, who carned the mickname Wolff, who earned the nicknaine by searching rooms so thoroughly he would go through everything but the wallpaper. "He said he would love to have me join him," Wolff said. "You know, work for him. I told him that I would live longer if I didn't." Wolff, a Chicago policeman before joining the Treasury Department's Bureau of Prohibition, was an adviser for the 1987 movie, "The Untouchables." Untouchables."

Millionaire turns to the church

ANN ARBOR, Michigan (AP)

— Pizza Baron Tom Monaghan, who spent part of his childhood in a Catholic orphanage, is trianming his work hours to devote more time to philanthropic causes. "I love the day-to-day work at Domino's, but I want to serve the church more," said Monaghan, 52, who once attended a seminary in Grand Rapids. "I always wanted to be a priest." Monaghan, founder of Domino's Pizza Incorporated, said he resigned as president of the fast-food empire so he could spend less time with company business. Monaghan's philanthropic organisation, Domino's Pizza Foundation, supports a Roman Catholic missionary priest in Honduras, where Monaghan has sent dentists, doctors and medical supplies. Monaghan founded Domino's in 1960. Last year, it had earnings of \$6.1 million of sales totalling \$2.3 billion.

Diana not afraid to wear clothes twice

LONDON (AP) -- Princess Diana showed at a charity film premier that she hangs on to her clothes and isn't afraid to wear them again and again. The wife of Prince Charles, the heir to British throne, turned up for the latest James Bond movie in the stunning off-one-shoulder white-andgold dress she were to the premier of another Bond movie in 1983. The figure-hugging sequined gown was first worn by the princess in public during her tour of Australia with the prince earlier that year. She donned it again during a visit to the National Gallery in Washington in November 1985.

'Little fear can take you a long way

CHAPEL HILL (AP) - A little fear can take you a long way, astronaut Scott Carpenter told a group of 500 school children at the 40th anniversary celebration of the Morehead planetarium. "Everyone of us was scared, but there's nothing wrong with being scared," Carpenter said in response to a question. "A little fright helps you do all sorts of things better." Carpenter was with six of the original seven Mercury astronauts who appeared Saturday at the festivities for the planetarium, which served as a training centre for astronauts from 1959 to 1975. Donald "Deke" Slayton, Gordon Cooper, Senator John Glenn, Walter Schirra and Alan Shepard were there for the visit, which also marked the 30th anniversary of the Mercury programme and the 20th anniversary next month of the Apollo 11 million and Neil Armstrong's historic walk on the

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